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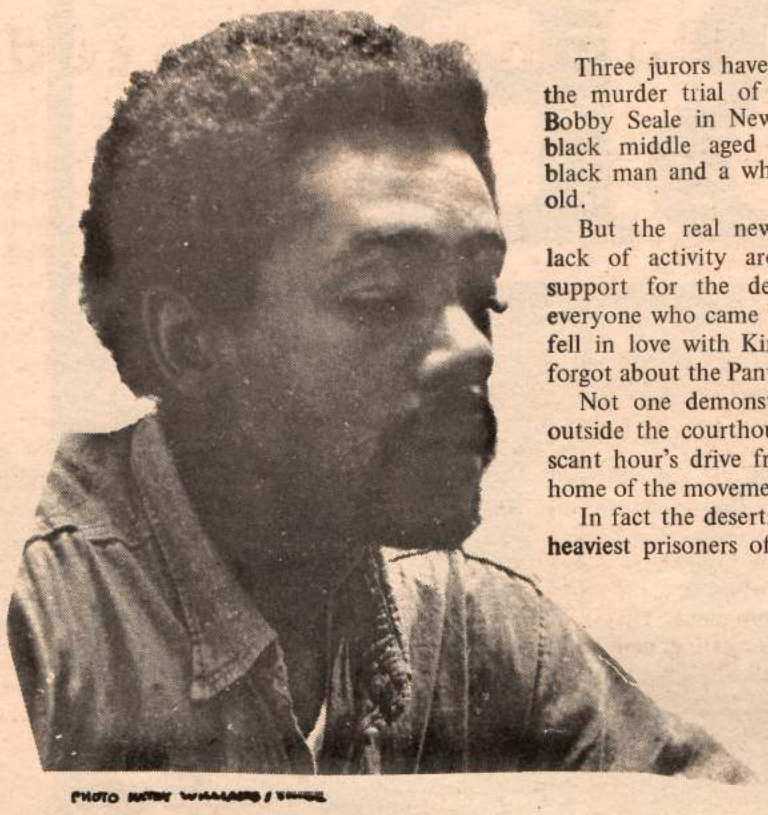
"Angela Davis must go free. Black people will be free. I've been locked up (for disturbing the peace in Detroit), and I know you've got to disturb the peace when you can't get no peace.

Jail is hell to be in. I'm going to see her free if there is any justice in our courts, not because I believe in communism, but because she's a black woman and she wants freedom for black people.

I have the money; I got it from black people--they've made me financially able to have it, and I want to use it in ways that will help our people."

--ARETHA FRANKLIN

NEW HAVEN: BOBBY & ERIKA



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Three jurors have been empaneled in the murder trial of Ericka Huggins and Bobby Seale in New Haven so far, one black middle aged woman, an elderly black man and a white man forty years old.

But the real news is the scandalous lack of activity around the trial and support for the defendants. It's as if everyone who came to New Haven May 1 fell in love with Kingman Brewster and forgot about the Panthers.

Not one demonstration has occurred outside the courthouse in New Haven, a scant hour's drive from New York City, home of the movement heavies.

In fact the desertion of Amerika's two heaviest prisoners of war has gone so far that the courtroom is not even full. THE COURTROOM IS NOT EVEN FULL !!!

During the cold, below zero nights last year in Chicago, when seven white defendants were being tried (not for their lives). People lined up for hours on the pavement, hopeful of catching a glimpse of Abbie Hoffman even if they couldn't get in.

And we self-righteously flagellated ourselves because Fred Hampton was killed and Bobby was chained and gagged, and we did nothing. Now, after all that, not enough people are showing up in New Haven to fill the thirty seats in the spectator section of the courtroom where Bobby Seale and Ericka Huggins are being tried for their lives.

What more can I say?

NEW YORK: ANGELA

Last week the pig officials in New York decided that the Grand Jury indictment of Angela Davis was sufficient evidence to extradite her to Marin and continue the railroad which could lead to death row.

How the Grand Jury indictment came to be is very interesting and further shows what the pigs will do to kill sister Angela. The first request from Marin County to N.Y. was so shabby and so questionable that there was a good possibility that N.Y. could not extradite Angela.

In order to extradite someone there had to be "probable cause" that they committed the crime. In order to stop the hearing on the evidence in the first request the DA in Marin issued a new request based on the Grand Jury Report.

The second request still failed to offer "probable cause" but the extradition papers were signed anyway. Angela was granted a stay until December 10th when the court decides whether she will be allowed to stay in New York while the appeals on her extradition take place. It would be pretty ironic if she's sent back to Marin while her lawyers in New York try to prove that there isn't enough evidence to extradite her. The courts have shown that they are willing to do a lot of shit-regardless of how it appears to the people.

There is something happening in the Women's House of Detention where Angela is being imprisoned. For the first weeks that Angela was there she was kept in isolation "for her own protection". The pig lie has been exposed as the sisters in the jail are loving her and only the pigs are threatening her.

Terrence Hallinan, a Bay Area lawyer, went to New York to see Angela and returned with a real up experience about Angela's relations with the sisters in the jail. He was there for over five hours in which time there was a change in shift of the matrons. As they left, all the matrons came over and said good-bye to Angela, some asked her if there was anything they could get her and some gave her the fist!!

The matrons coming in showed the same loving support. They all said hello and asked how she was and expressed real concern. Terrence went up to a matron to find out if he could see Angela the next day. He was talking with them and mentioned the tremendous support that Angela has on the outside. A matron quickly responded. if he thought that was something he should see the support inside.

The matrons in the Women's House of Detention are mostly black. In the past matrons have been known for their coldness and brutality. Their response to Angela shows the heightening of black awareness in the prisons and the power of SISTERHOOD.

That's not all that's happening. Aretha Franklin says that she will pay Angela's bail "whether it's $100,000 or $250,000."

Aretha says, " Jail is hell to be in. I'm going to see her free if there is any justice in our courts, not because I believe in communism but because she's a black woman and she wants freedom for black people."

"I have the money; I got it from black people--they've made me financially able to have it, and I want to use it in ways that will help our people."

In West Germany more than one thousand students from Frankfurt-on Main University marched in solidarity with Angela Davis and Bobby Seale.

In paris a Communist Party member of Parliament went to the U.S. embassy in Paris to demand that Angela be set free.

Italian Communists are circulating petitions among the people demanding that Angela be freed.

The Women's International Democractic Federation in Berlin sent a cable to Angela: " We wish you continued strength and courage. We are convinced that the help of the world wide campaign for your release and the broad movement in your country will succeed in setting you free.

There are many questions about what will happen to Angela when she comes to Marin. In capital cases there must be strong evidence of guilt in order for the court to deny you bail. Clearly in Angela's case the system of justice in this country has already deprived Angela of her "rights" that one more won't matter to them.

All the judges in Marin have dismissed themselves from acting as judge in her case because of the whole incident (they're pretty scared--everyone who come to the Marin County Court House is searched). There will probably be a change of venue and L.A. is a pretty good guess because of all the security precautions they have developed in dealing with the Manson case. Anywhere they move the case they can't isolate Angela from the people who are determined to see her FREE!!

The Campus Committee of Free Angela Davis and all Political Prisoners is planning a symposium for the last weekend in January. People interested in working on the question of how to free political prisoners should contact Dan at 841-8289, or at the table in Sproul Plaza. Also the next meeting will be Monday night at 7:30 at 1523 Francisco in Berkeley.

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The East Bay Committee to Defend Angela Davis meets every Wednesday at 7:30 at 23rd Ave Community Center, 1239 23rd Ave near East 14th St. in E. Oakland. They can be reached at 533-2192.

TIME FARTHER OUT

Sisters and Brothers,

The Tribe is taking a vacation. Next week's issue, appearing December 18, will be our last of the year; our first in 1971 will appear January 8. This two week break will be our first vacation since the paper bagan more than a year and a half ago. We've been running on an increasingly frantic schedule: as we come together collectively, putting more and more of our lives into our existence as a Tribe, we find ourselves meeting together to do more than put out a paper. Meetings to work out how we can live together, meetings to deepen our participation as a Tribe in the general growth of our culture and movement in the Bay Area. A lot of energy has been flowing; we're taking a rest to store up energy for the new year.

We'll miss you. Growing together as a Tribe has also made us more aware of you and how much we depend on you, for loving criticism, frequent encouragement, and the financial support which has kept the paper alive when things looked impossible. See you next week, but prepare now to hibernate without us through Christmas and New Year's Eve.

Love to all of you, expecially to the sisters and brothers who are prisoners of war. Power to the People!

The Tribe

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People's Unity, People's Rage

"Blonde Vietnamese Soldiers"

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In Cambodia the two crucial cities are under attack. Phnom Penh has been encircled by people's troops, and the US and puppet governments are worried about a major assault on the capital. Meanwhile, US fighter-bombers have been unsuccessfully trying to loosen the people's grip on Kompong Som, the only deepwater port in the country. If supplies from here to the rest of the country can be cut off, the military and economic position of the Lon Nol regime will be even more untenable than it already is.

Meanwhile, South Vietnamese troops have been embarassing their Cambodian "hosts" by trashing the people. Cambodian Brigadier General Sostene Fernandez said, "South Vietnamese troops rape, they destroy houses, they steal, they beat the Buddhist monks . . . . My personal opinion is that if we had enough weapons it is better to avoid South Vietnamese help, to avoid the South Vietnamese presence."

Next door, the war fares no better for the imperialists, and their tactics are equally desparate. Already Laos has been subject to heavier bombing than North Vietnam ever was, which means the Laotian people have had to suffer the most intensive bombing in the history of the world.

From Sam Neua, French correspondent Jacques Decornoy reports:

On a "usual" morning . . . . at 7 o'clock an AD-6 plane prowls overhead. It circles for about ten minutes, then leaves. At 7:30 the plane returns, makes a pass and drops three loads several kilometers from the "hotel". At 8 o'clock there is a flight of jets. At 8:30, new jets and bombs. The same operation at 9 o'clock.

One of the officials of the Sam Neua district told us that during the first three years of the bombing alone, sixty-five villages were destroyed. This is a figure impossible to verify for a short report, but it is a fact, that between Sam Neua and a place about thirty kilometers away, not a single house in the villages and hamlets had been spared. Bridges have been destroyed, and fields riddled with bomb craters.

At the other end of Sam Neua the sight is even more painful. Enormous craters are everywhere. Churches and many houses are demolished. In order to be sure of hitting anyone who might be living there, the Americans dropped their all too famous fragmentation bombs. Here by the side of the road lies a disembowelled "mother bomb." All around for tens of meters, the earth is covered with unexploded "daughter bombs" containing hundreds of steel pellets, little weapons that the Vietnamese know so well. One of them had rolled into a shelter, under a mat, mortally wounding three people who had taken refuge there.

Sam Neua: . . . "All Americans must get out of Laos!" This assertion continually comes up in conversations with Pathet Lao cadres who must be met on their own ground in order to appreciate how fundamental this demand is for them. In their minds it is not only a question of stopping the air raids. The Americans themselves must pull out, as well as the "private" air companies (Air America, Continental) which supply provisions, arms and indeed more than 3,000 "advisors" (of whom 72 are military attaches at the US Embassy) to the CIA supported Meo Armee Clandestine of General Vang Pao. For thePathet Lao, Washington's influence on the various aspects of daily life must disappear entirely.

The inhabitants of Sam Neua ask themselves the reason for this deluge of fire and steel. "I don't even know where America is," says a peasant woman whose daughter has just been killed. She has lost everything she had. A peasant remarks, "I understand nothing that was said about American aid and against the United States. After the raids on my village I knew what they meant. Everything American, far and wide, is hated by the people."

Despite this US government terrorism, the Neo Lao Haksat have just revised downward their minimum conditions for negotiating with the puppet government, to a bombing halt of 10 days before and 7 days after the talks in Sam Neua and Xieng Khouang provinces, a cut of 1/3 in the times. The Laotian wing of the Indochinese People's Front has consistently made generous offers to talk, despite the betrayals of 1954 and 1962, when reactionary forces used cease-fires to attempt to wipe out revolutionary victories.

And in Vietnam itself, rocket attacks (slyly using moonless nights like the true sneak-thiefs they are, says the Army) have been the heaviest for months, hitting military bases, provincial and district capitals. Selective revolutionary violence, unlike genocidal bombs, offed five military officers inside a government army base.

New developments in the cities also point to an increasingly unlivable position for the pigs. At least 5,000 people in Qui Nhom, the fourth largest city, rioted when a GI "accidentally" killed a Vietnamese high school student. Shouting "Yankee, go home!" they attacked American military equipment and soldiers. All US civilians in the city were evacuated by helicopter from the roof of a hotel.

In Saigon a new coalition has been formed that further unifies all opposition to the government. Some of the sixty newspapers that Marshal Ky magnanimously allows to exist have openly printed the NLF 8-point program for peace. Sir Robert Thompson, the British guerrilla war expert sent to study the war for Nixon, came back pessimistic at the possibility of smashing the NLF structure. He also said the validity of the pacification and Vietnamization programs was in doubt (!)

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All this understandably leads to a certain lack of enthusiasm for the war among Americans. Whereas five years ago 325-350 men were indicted annually for draft refusal, now it is 350 per month. Naturally at this rate not too many ever get sent up.

Once in the army, young defenders of the Amerikan faith spend their time avoiding work whenever possible, and smoking lots of dope.

Nevertheless, passive resistance is giving way to open attacks from within. Harvard's Dr. Charles Levy told Congress Thursday that 60 ex-Marines he interviewed were much more hostile to their own officers and the South Vietnamese army than they were to the "enemy." In once case, the CO demanded that a new embankment be created 50 yards from the old one, at night. "So one night this guy booby trapped the CO's tent. . . . It wasn't the CO that got it. It was the executive officer, Captain W. . . It blew off both his legs, it blew up his crotch, it blew up the side of his face, three fingers on one hand, and peppered him with shrapnel and stuff."

The most incredible news item that has come out in the last two weeks, though, is the admission that US soldiers are fighting with the NLF. Saturday one report appeared of four white soldiers operating as a unit against the American army. The return of a man from Sweden who fought with the Vietcong for 17 months has also been a reminder that years ago we heard that 10 GIs a day "disappeared" in Vietnam. In confirmation, the army said the four "blond Vietnamese soldiers" "could have been anybody."

At the December 3 peace talks, Xuan Thuy, chief negotiator for the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, said the only way to insure the safety of American troops in South Vietnam is to remove them from South Vietnam.

So they can fight here, where we need them.

PHOTO: PACIFIC NEWS SERVICE

NY Bombers Busted

A year ago Daley's pigs murdered our brother, Fred Hampton. Last week, three sisters and three brothers moved on a bank in New York, remembering Fred.

A seventh person in the unit was missing. He called himself Steve Weiner; he was a pig.

Plainclothes pigs moved in as our brothers and sisters laid their bombs, ripped them off before they could detonate the cap which was to awaken us to Fred Hampton, to the cancerous First National Bank, the racism of Amerika's monuments to wealth and robbery.

In jail, the pigs will try to divide them, men against women, veterans versus those new to the movement. They call them Weathermen, forgetting that armed rage has no organizational definition.

But it is people's rage, people's unity. Not an underground: we remember Robin planting the NLF flag on the terrace of the Pentagon, Sharon serving a pig platter to Johnson's Democrats. I called her in New York two weeks ago, rapped about what's happening, got high on her strength, the sound of her beauty, missed seeing her.

Pig charges: arson, conspiracy — flames of justice, togetherness of revolution. A final absurdity: criminal mischief — the charge of being young, living, laughing in a world of solemn death.

Love to our sisters and brothers: Joyce, Sharon, Claudia, Martin, Chris, Robin. Free them by whatever means. Power to their people's war.

VIETNAMESE BABY WOUNDED BEFORE BIRTH BY US PELLET BOMB (CREDIT: PACIFIC NEWS SERVICE).

Boycott Pentagon lettuce!

Ceasar Chavez is in jail in Salinas, but the United Farm Worker's economic offensive against Bub Antle is moving on a number of fronts.

It's becoming obvious that the boycott against Antle is no isolated struggle. The Farm Workers are learning a lot about Antle's connections with the Department of Defense and Dow Chemical. And they're moving on all fronts.

Last Friday Judge Gordon Campbell sentenced Chavez to jail for contempt of court. Campbell said he'll stay in jail until

he calls off the boycott against Antle. A perfect likeness of Julius Hoffman, Campbell was at one time the judge in the Soledad Brothers case where his blatant racism and prejudice were much in evidence. In a county dominated by big growers, it isn't hard to see where this pig judge's sympathies lie in this case either.

Chavez refused to let Campbell intimidate him. "Boycott Antle! Boycott Dow! Boycott the hell out of them!" was his parting message as he went off to an open-ended jail sentence. "He seems determined to stay in jail," said a visitor. "He's not ready to call off the boycott."

Though Chavez was in a cell by himself, he wasn't struggling alone. Friday, thousands held a silent march from UFWOC headquarters to the Courthouse. A round-the-clock vigil has been in progress since he was jailed. Sunday, 3,000 farmworkers and supporters held a candlelight mass outside the jail. (Even Ethel Kennedy came, with bodyguard Rafer Johnson — the 1972 election campaign has begun.)

The Farm Workers have been boycotting all lettuce that doesn't have the union's eagle label on it. Antle, hurt by the boycott, told the court they should be exempt from the boycott of non-union lettuce. They say that they've been covered by a union contract with the Teamsters since 1962.

The Farm Workers point out that only 10% of the workers in the fields — those who run the picking machines — are covered by this contract. The contract doesn't even affect the vast majority of field workers.

The contract itself was a 'sweetheart agreement' used to break a popular strike by a forerunner of the UFWOC. The workers never got to vote on the Teamster contract. It was signed without their knowledge and consent — those who refused to accept Teamster jurisdiction were fired.

Meanwhile UFWOC research teams are digging up interesting information on Antle's incestuous relationship with Dow Chemical and the Department of Defense. They're finding that Antle's more than a lettuce farmer. He's deep into agribusiness and the military industrial complex.

Bud Antle, Inc., is the second largest producer of lettuce in the world, owning 43,000 acres of land in the Salinas Valley, Southern California (particularly the Imperial Valley), and Arizona. This provides Antle with a year-round supply of lettuce.

Antle has a New York distributing subsidiary named House of Bud. (Not TOO much of an ego trip.) And "Bud's" brand of lettuce is found all over the country. If YOU should happen to find some, why not squeeze it real good before you dicide not to buy it?

Bud also dabbles in other vegetables. His celery can sometimes be found in the local Safeway. (I hear it makes a funky scund when the stalk is broken in half.) And then there's Bud's packaging company that makes the celophone to envelop Bud's lettuce in plasticity.

You can call Antle collect at 408–422–4725 or 408–422–8871 in Salinas.

A while back the Antle Conglomerate was a few million short of cash. To raise it, they sold 17,000 acres of land to Dow Chemical. Dow immediately leased 3,000 acres back to Antle. So Bud was able both to raise the cash and continue to cultivate some of the land.

This gesture of Dow's was not entirely altruistic. The Dow Financial Corporation owns stock in Bud Antle, Inc. In fact the president of Dow Financial, C.F. Weaver, is one of Antle's five board members.

Antle and the Defense Department are good clients for some of Dow's more lethal herbicides. Antle uses the same chemicals in their fields that have been used in the 'defoliation' of Vietnam. These herbicides have been linked to widespread birth defects in Vietnamese children.

Dow even supplies chemicals to make that famous Antle cellophane. And Dow is vulnerable. They finally moved out of American napalm business because of widespread protests disturbing 'business as usual.' They can be moved again.

If Dow is forced to move, they'll shove Antle. So the Farm Workers are demonstrating at Dow plants across the nation. Last week they held a vigil outside the Berkeley mansion of Dr. Melvin Calvin, a member of Dow's Board of Directors. Dr. Calvin's office phone is 642–0838 and his home phone is 848–4036, in case you'd like to discuss Dow's policies with him. You might also like to visit Jack Jones, Dow's representative in San Francisco at 350 Sansome, 981–3330.

The Pentagon is helping Antle weather the strike and boycott. The Department of Defense buys 60% of its lettuce from Antle — and that's a heap of heads.

So the Farm Workers are moving on them too. This Saturday the UFWOC is going to march on the Presidio in San Francisco. Marchers should meet at Marina and Lyon Streets at 11 a.m. The march will start at 12 noon.

If you can't go, remember: Boycott lettuce unless the union's eagle is on display. And talk to your grocer. But if you can't find union label lettuce and crave a salad — try spinach. Raw spinach is more nourishing and tastes better.

Viva la Huelga!

back to work at GM

The Auto Workers strike against GM is over. The workers held out for over two months; the strike was waged not only for economic gains but also for the settling of local grievances and for more control over speed-ups. In the local Fremont plant there were over 2,500 grievances against GM that have piled up since the last strike. Workers were bitter about compulsory overtime, about working conditions, about speed-up. The workers most affected by these things are those on the line — most of these workers are young people and blacks.

Workers will be returning to the line at Fremont shortly; and soon after the contract was signed, GM notified all workers that the day shift would be 10 hours.

You've got to flash on the fact that the Haymarket Affair, in 1886, was a result of a long fight for the eight-hour day. What have workers won in a hundred years if they have to work compulsory overtime today?

Workers at GM went on strike in hopes of gaining benefits and more control over the production line. With the signing of the new contract a lot seems to be lost.

Those working the ten hour day may be luckier than those men and women who will not be returning to work at all. 70,000 auto workers in the country have not been rehired by GM. Just one of the Christmas greetings that GM is extending to the people that they get rich off.

The hardest hit by these pre-holiday layoffs will undoubtably be young workers with little seniority, and blacks. Nationally, 30% of production auto workers are black, and in Detroit blacks make up 45% of the work force.

Forced overtime and mass layoff. Who can doubt the brutality of those who get rich while they do no real work? GM, Ford and Chrysler all hope to be able to produce more with fewer workers. The new Auto Workers contract did nothing to counter-act this trend, and x it certainly did nothing to stem the angry tide of rank-and-file militancy that is rising among the young and the black auto workers.

los siete: two framed

by Margie Heyns

Pigs in the Mission district have not been happy since Los Siete were freed. Last Monday morning at 3 a.m., Los Siete Defendants Nelson Rodriguez and Jose Rios were ripped off on a Mission sidestreet. They were arrested by two plainclothes cops who had conveniently just finished making a narcotics arrest. The cops said they found a lid of marijuana and several LSD pills in the car where Nelson and Jose were sitting.

It was a clumsy frame-up. All the cops could find as reasons for searching the car were that it was a "high crime area", and that Nelson and Jose "looked suspicious". They added imaginatively that they thought they saw Jose kick something under the seat.

The brothers say they had no dope with them, and had in fact been careful not to carry any since getting out of jail a month ago. They had been drinking in a Broadway bar, and were on their way home when the pigs accosted them. Nelson accurately pointed out: "They pulled one of McGoran's tricks," referring to Thelma McGoran's testimony at their trial that her husband had carried dope to

plant on suspects.

Ripping off Nelson and Jose was just the most obvious escalation of repression in the Mission since the brothers were freed. One Los Siete organizer was arrested for carrying a can of beer on the street. When a brother went to bail him out, he was arrested for "assaulting an officer." La Raza Legal Defense reports five times as many complaints of police harassment in the Mission since the brothers were cut loose.

The brothers SHOULD beat this charge on grounds of illegal search and seizure, but it's doubtful that any San Francisco judge will have the courage to dismiss the case.

And each time the brothers get ripped off on another petty charge or frame-up, the bail gets higher, and the chances greater that the pigs will get them back where they want them – behind bars. It's up to the people to see that Los Siete are kept free – by supporting La Raza Legal Defense (3176 24th St., SF) with help and money. If you know of a college or organization that would like one of Los Siete to speak, call 648-1048. Ask for Donna or leave a message.

Fresno lock-out

200 miles out in the San Joaquin Valley, the land of grapes and Ronald Reagan, lies Fresno State College.

Last Friday, two pigs walked into the English Dept of that school, with the Dean of the department and a locksmith, and bolted and sealed the office doors of three English professors after announcing they were fired.

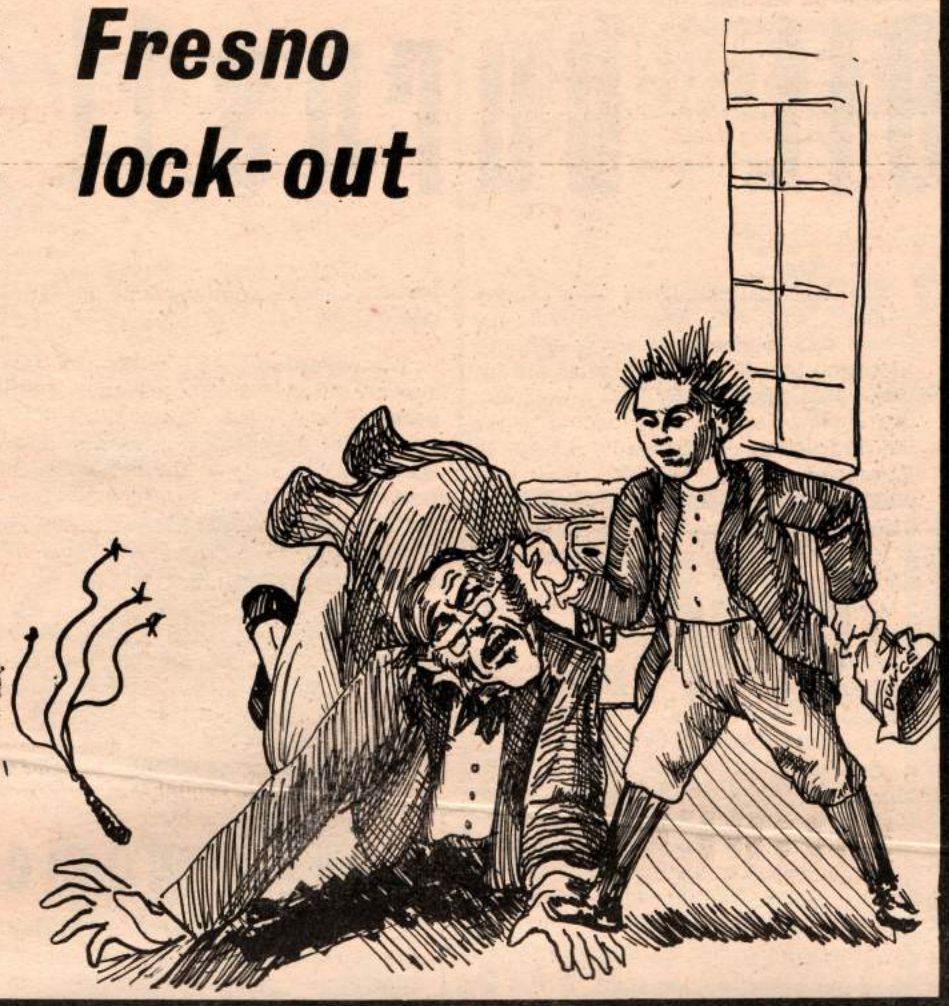
The Dean and the locksmith left; the pigs stayed for three days.

At larger colleges, an administration action so grotesque might pass with hardly a ripple. However, it's blown a lot of minds at Fresno.

The University decided to fire the three popular professors after some of its underhanded ways were exposed. The administration had been hiring students to spy on the classes of various english profs; this smelly fish was aired in the school newspaper and the administration flipped out.

So far though, the reaction in Fresno is guarded and quiet; pigs stroll from classroom to classroom to listen in on lectures, and people are afraid of being wiped out.

Last spring, Fresno popped up in the news when a one-million dollar computer was totalled and $25,000 worth of windows were taken taken out during Cambodia / Kent State trashing. This fall, when police were called on campus after La Raza studies were cut out and fighting broke out between chicanos and Frat rats.



alcatraz lives

Three weeks ago Alcatraz celebrated its first anniversary. More than 600 quests attended to share the joy of all Indians in being able to hold Alcatraz against the white government. In order to get all the people from the mainland to Alcatraz it was necessary to charter boats (there was no way that the Indian's 17 passenger fishing boat could carry all the people). Now after the celebration is over the Indians have received $2,000 worth of bills for the service. It was not enough for all of us to say "right on" Alcatraz and to enjoy the spirit of knowing that people we supported were winning. We must now realize that the situation on Alcatraz is grave and that they need our help.

As of Dec. 5, 1970 there is an Alcatraz Fund Raising and Public Relations Committee in Berkeley to raise funds and supply information on Alcatraz. The Indians would like the opportunity to speak to any group or church that would like to help them.

Things that are badly needed include: food, plastic containers of water, blankets, medical supplies, gasoline, diesel oil and MONEY to pay for the chartered boats.

Bring or mail donations in S.F. to Pier 40 Alcatraz Receiving depot (362-5822).

In Berkeley bring the stuff to 1128B San Pablo Ave. (527-6600).

Information given to Tribe by Charles Lone Wolf.

berkeley vote machine

John DeBonis is off and running for mayor. Tuesday evening in the well - lighted, well - amplified City Council chambers, DeBonis loudly seconded Wilmont Sweeney's motion to accept the Planning Commission's report not to widen Hearst Avenue. Everyone who voted for the motion except for Dellums is running for office. Fortunately, enough people are running and motion passed five to three. McLaren did say they were running for their lives.

wheeling and dealing

The council chambers is a stage complete with microphonys, cameras, and bright lights. Everyone who enters is an actor. The audience performed; they, in turn, walked into the spotlight and for three minutes, they acted out their trip. At the whirlypig meeting it was the people who were in the center of the stage. Tuesday evening, the main storyline was the politicians running for office Sweeney asked leading questions of people favorable to the Planning Commission report. DeBonis talked of the will of the people. Widener didn't talk at all, and Price said the same thing as Widener but took three minutes to say it. It was McLaren who presented the most honest statement. He said Hearst should be widened so that more income can be made from the property. McLaren can afford to be honest. He is not running for office.

The people played their parts well. Residents who have lived near the BARTlands for a long time realized the widening was the first step in forcing them out and they said so. The people told the council they knew widening Hearst Ave. would increase traffic problems, not solve them; that it would increase the use of automobiles not reduce it. People spoke about the bicycle paths as being tacked on to the widening proposal to help sell it. They told the council they saw the developer's visions of high rise apartment houses lining the Hearst Ave. Freeway. They spoke to the council in speech and poetry. Their words went into the airwaves, thanks to KPFA, but not into the heads of the councilmen. Their decisions were made long before the night of the meeting. Wally J. had boasted he made up his mind a year ago. He looked like he was asleep most of the meeting except when he woke up to tell the people their three minutes were up.

The Planning Commission's report was not adopted on its own merit, but it was adopted. The Commission would not have even come up with its recommendation without pressure from the people of the area and People's Architecture. The plan leaves Hearst Ave. "as is" until a comprehensive plan for landuse of the BARTlands is developed.

The plan is to be developed with the participation of the people it affects, the residents. The plan also provides for traffic control devices. The devices are installed on residential streets to prevent BART traffic from turning them into throughways.

Going to city council meetings is both educational and entertaining. Watching councilmen acting out their roles as politicians provides us with something to laugh at. It also shows us what motivates politicians. Stay in power, and once there, vote the way the people who have (and give you) money want you to.

Government is too important to be left in the hands of politicians. The people who control the lives of people should be the people.

"We'll be fighting for our lives here in Berkeley . . ." This prophecy was articulated by the reactionary city councilman Tom McLaren. He was alluding to the Berkeley city elections, not to a storming of city hall by revolutionaries. To McLaren, one may be as threatening as the other.

McLaren fears the April Coalition, a group of individuals, collectives and organizations who are interested in offering Berkeley a program through electoral politics that deals with the needs of Berkeley, not the needs of businessmen who profit from Berkeley. Not just community control of police, community control of the community.

The preamble to the as yet unwritten platform of the April Coalition states: "The present city manager form of government is moving farther and farther away from control by the people. It is clear that city officials are more responsive to the Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Realitors than to the majority of citizens . . ."

On Thursday, December 17, a community meeting will be held to discuss the tentative plans for the April Coalition Convention. Tentative plans call for a weeklong series of workshops, culminating in a platform session with all the workshops participating. The next week candidates will be chosen.

The proposed workshop are: form of city government; economic and tax reform; housing, parks, and recreation, city planning and land use; food distribution; women; youth; senior citizens; enforcement of political rights; ecology, health and recycling; and education. Other workshops can be initiated at the meeting, which is to be held at the Washington School, Grove and Bancroft, December 17 at 8 p.m.

The groups that have participated in the tentative planning have been: the Berkeley Coalition, the April 6 Movement (students who supported Meade and Dellums), the Ocean View Committee, Hearst Community Association, BTU Collective No. 7, the Free U, and the Channing Block Collective.

The convention plans were prepared by an arrangements committee which consists of representatives from the organiztions and collectives. Membership is open to people who have an interest in working on preparing for the convention.

The schedule that the committee has projected is that the workshops will continue from January 5 to 12, that platform meeting on January 16 and the choosing of candidates on January 23. The schedule can be revised at the Thursday meeting.

By building the platform before the selection of candidates the Coalition hopes to avoid the Amerikan syndrome of "political personalities." The emphasis will be on real programs, not on media images.

The April Coalition envisions an alliance with the Black Caucus which will be having their convention on February 5. Although the April Coalition and the Black Caucus will have separate platforms and candidates, both groups will be supporting each other.

Electoral politics is not revolutionary. But to allow the reactionaries to maintain control of the city government means in a few years hippies, street people, radicals, and revolutionaries will not be able to afford to live in Berkeley. The cancer of commercial developement has killed Telegraph Avenue, and is moving on residential Berkeley, leaving expensive, ugly high rise apartment houses behind it.

the people's choice?

McLaren, DeBonis, Price et al. don't want us living in Berkeley. They can be defeated.

New Jersey sabotage

BIG OIL burns!!

The sabotage destruction of the Humble Oil Company's refinery in New Jersey marks a new and higher level in the revolutionary and ecological struggle (can they be seperated?) in the United States. For the first time revolutionaries have struck a vital blow to the military/economic infrastructure that literally fuels the war in Southeast Asia, fills Standard Oil's bloated bank account, while poisoning the air we must breathe.

Immediately prior to the explosion a presumably black caller to the refinery said that if Angela Davis and Bobby Seale were not released from prison there would be more explosions. In view of the racist nature of the government and business interests it does not seem likely that Angela, Bobby et al will be released. More refinery sabotage is surely to result.

The implications of this are staggering. Ecologically it would appear on the surface that the destruction by fire and explosion of one of the largest refineries on the continent would be a disaster. This probably is not the case even though large amounts of black unburned hydrocarbon-laden smoke filled the air over New Jersey and New York. The fire, which almost completely destroyed the refinery was put out within a matter of hours.

That refinery will not be producing any petroleum products for a long time. This means that the 240,000 barrels of crude oil that were processed there each day will not be able to be used in automobiles in the east, nor will it be able to be shipped to Vietnam. Humble Oil, a division of Standard Oil Company of New Jersey (Amerika's largest), is the largest supplier of oil products to the Pentagon.

The loss of Standard's New Jersey refinery will not directly affect the behemoth's shipments of war materiel to Vietnam. But if more refineries are hit this would surely result. The easiest way this could be accomplished would be for the destruction of Standard's refinery in Richmond, from which most of Standard's war shipments to Vietnam are made. Union Oil Company's refinery, also in Richmond, is another major supplier to the war.

Even without the destruction of these two refineries, however, it would be necessary for them to divert their production to other areas within the United Sates should other refineries around the country be destroyed.

Even as the Standard refinery is still smoldering, Shell Oil Company's offshore well in the Gulf of Mexico off Louisiana is on fire and spreading a huge slick of oil that is once again destroying the ecology of that region. The immediate reason for this disaster is that Shell violated the government's orders to have emergency blow-out valves on the wells. It was the lack of these valves that caused the recent blow-out disaster of Chevron Oil Company's (another Jersey Standard subsidiary) Gulf offshore wells.

Indirectly the past, present and future Gulf oil disasters result from the unstable nature of the earth's crust in the region.

Even more than the Santa Barbara Channel, the gulf crust is broken by thousands of earthquake fissures. In 1969, according to statistics published by U.C., more than 300 medium-sized earthquakes occured there. In spite of this drilling in the Gulf and in the Santa Barbara Channel continue at an increasing rate.

The question of whether to take violent actions against refineries is still probably not clear in many people's minds. The hope that an enlightened and aggressive Secretary of the Interior might take some action to save our environment is still prevalent. Given the nature and the composition of the Federal and California governments this is impossible.

The Union Oil Company of California and the Fluor Corporation (oil well drilling equipment) own both Governor Reagan and President Nixon.

In 1952, when Nixon was running for Vice-president a huge scandal broke over his 'slush 'fund'. It was charged that several 'corporate interests' had made huge donations to Nixon in return for certain favors after the election. Reese Taylor, then president and chairman of the board of Union, gave Nixon (not his campaign committee) $25,000. This gift (only Nixon and Union know how many others since then) paid off handsomely.

Following the Santa Barbara Channel blow-out of Union's platform B Nixon ordered his science advisor, Dr. Lee DuBridge, to enpanel eleven experts to decide what action should be taken in the Channel. After CLOSED-DOOR hearings it was announced that the panel was unanimous in recommending that rather than stop all drilling there should be more to 'relieve the pressure'.

One professor within the University of California who testified before the panel and who wishes to remain anonymous directly contradicts the reported 'unanimous decision' of the panel. According to the professor, five of the panel members were opposed to further drilling because of the presence of the San Andreas and other lesser earth faults in the Channel. With the great number of earthquakes that occur there each year, they reasoned, it would only be a matter of time before another disastrous blow-out took place.

Sometime before the panel's

int'l women's conf

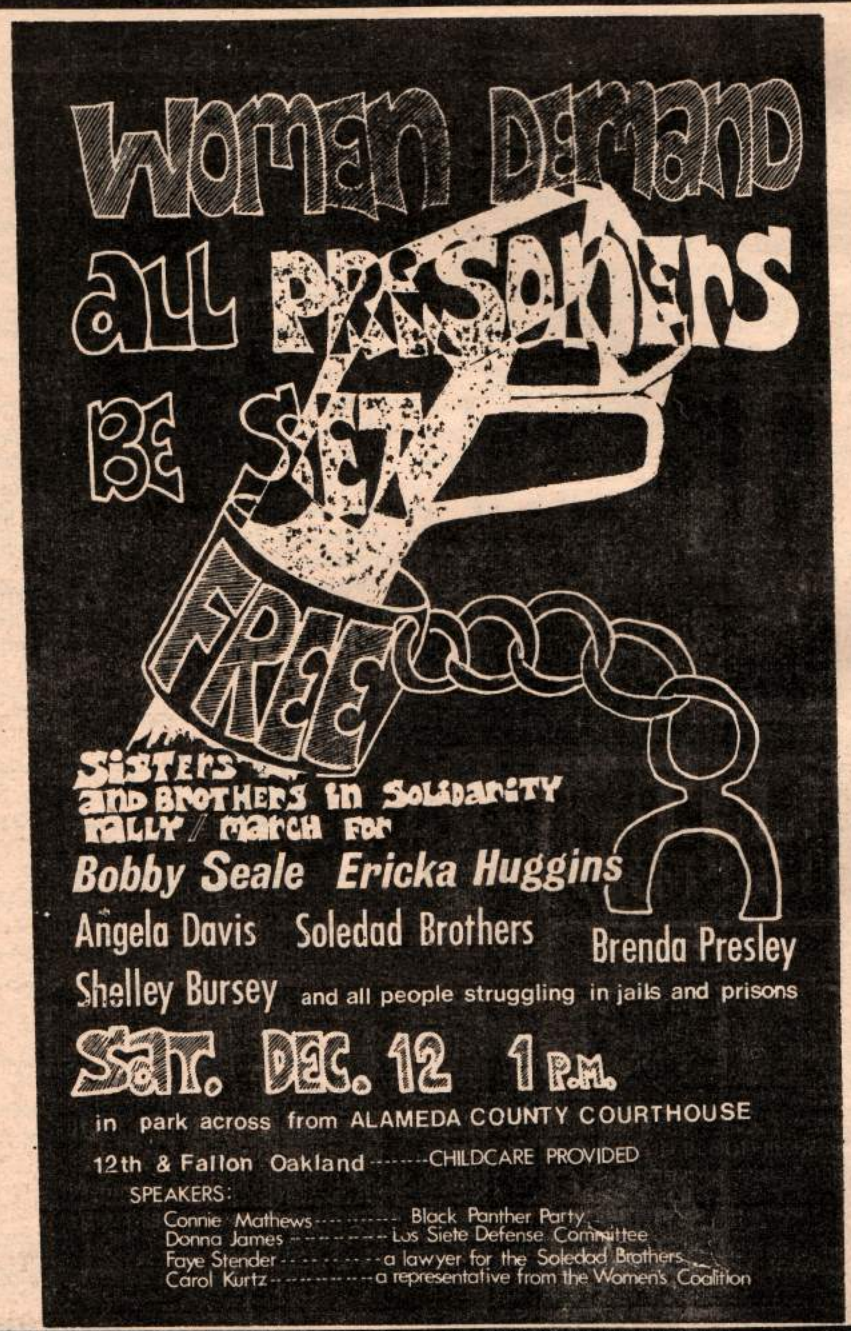
Last summer at an International Women's meeting in Budapest, Indochinese women expressed an interest in meeting with North American women struggling for peace and liberation. They want to meet with us because they feel it's crucial for them to understand the development of the women's movement in this country, and for us to understand the progress of the liberation struggle they are engaged in in Southeast Asia.

Although we in the U.S. live under different conditions and at this point our struggle takes different forms, our Vietnamese sisters follow our movement with great interest. The hope is that this conference will establish new ways for us to support each other's struggle and to act together in solidarity.

There will be three regional conferences, in Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver, each of which is to be organized by women in corresponding regions of the United States and Canada. Initial planning meetings have already been held in the East and Midwest. We in the West will begin our planning at the organizing meeting at two p.m. on Sunday, December 13, at 199 Bonview Street in San Francisco.

Bring your ideas and thoughts — Sisters from all areas of the women's movement should be there to begin this planning — solidarity is not a sentiment.

For further information, call 282—0843.



All women prisoners in the U.S. are political prisoners. Their 'crimes' are those of survival — prostitution, shoplifting, drug addiction. To show solidarity with these sisters and other political prisoners, a coalition of women's groups is sponsoring a rally at one p.m. on Saturday, December 12, at the Alameda County Courthouse.

The focus of the rally will be on political prisoners; the inhuman treatment given prisoners; a discussion of political prisoners Ericka Huggins, Bobby Seale, Angela Davis, the Soledad Brothers, and the Panther 21; and the growing repression of the revolutionary movement.

The Coalition of groups which has organized this rally includes women from San Francisco, Berkeley, Oakland, San Jose and Santa Cruz. Car pools will bring people from all of these cities to the rally. The Women's Center in San Diego has planned a similar rally to take place in that city.

The coalition was formed to campaign for the release of Shellie Bursey and Brenda Presley, Panther sisters who were subpoenaed by a Grand Jury to testify about the Party and the Panther Paper. They refused to testify and were charged with contempt of court. Shellie was sent to jail on October 6. Brenda was nine months pregnant at the time of the court procedures and has now had her baby. Both Shellie and Brenda are out because of severe medical problems, but both could be sent back at any time. According to Brenda, "Just because we are sisters the pigs think that we are weak and will submit to their repression."

We also want to make the people aware of the seriousness of sister Ericka Huggins' and Chairman Bobby Seale's case where they've been framed for murder by the state of Connecticutt. Because the news of their trial has been suppressed on the West Coast, there has been little awareness about them. Women's Liberation is joining the liberation struggles of other people in the world and the fight to free all political prisoners.

The special problems of women in prison have also been the subject of research and propaganda by women in the coalition. Women prisoners are systematically degraded, not so much by the physical violence of the men's prosons, as by vicious games which exaggerate the oppressive roles forced on women by the society as a whole.

Women in prison are stripped and searched on the slightest pretext. Until recently, guards in Alameda County Juvenile Hall examined girl's pubic areas for lice, and in Santa Rita the genital parts of all incoming inmates are sprayed with insecticide for the same reason. Women are forced to use the toilets in the presence of male guards. They are often made to clean up, wait on, and serve meals to male prisoners.

Because abortions are forbidden, births are common. At Santa Rita, babies have been born in vehicles because women are not taken to the hospital for delivery until their water breaks. And always, the

recommendations were made public pressure was exerted from within and outside the panel for the dissenting members to change their position. It is unknown just what kind of pressure was used, but a look at the composition of the panel would be enlightening.

Seven of the eleven panelists are members of the faculty of either California Institute of Technology or the University of California. Dr. Lee Dubridge was president of Cal Tech prior to becoming Nixon's science advisor.

The Board of Trustees of Cal Tech has at least four members of the board of Union Oil Company and the Fluor Corporation, including Union President Fred Hartley and Fluor Chairman Henry Salvatori. Both Cal Tech and the University of California receive huge grants from Union each year to help support their geology departments.

Union, Fluor and the Bank of America (all three share directors) also have representation on the University of California's Board of Regents. Governor Reagan, for instance.

The one man, more than any other who manages, owns and controls Reagan is Hank Salvatori. Salvatori was Reagan's campaign manager and chief financial supporter during his two campaigns for governor.

Salvatori also owns Mayor Sam Yorty of Los Angeles. Soon after Big Daddy Jesse Unruh announced for Governor, Yorty also announced — with Salvatori's blessing and support. It is clear that Yorty was running only in the hopes of smearing Unruh so much in his campaign that Unruh would have no chance of beating Reagan in the General Election.

Meanwhile, Yorty is reported to be getting ready to retire so that he may go to work for Occidental Petroleum. The Fluor Corporation is represented on the board of Occidental.

The incestuous relationships between government and oil interest absolutely preclude the government's taking actions detrimental to Big Oil. It is clear that only the people, acting from revolutionary consciousness, can properly mete out justice to the corporate oil giants.

Free the Union 76 and the Phillips 66!

babies are taken away from their mothers.

Political organizing has not yet gathered as much force in the women's prisons as in the men's. Roles that make life degrading and difficult on the outside are even more destructive when carried over to life in jail. The practice of manipulating a man into providing for them, which has been the only way women could stay alive, is transformed into a vicious dependency relationship with guards who are only too willing to take advantage of it. The habit of competing with other women leads to a high incidence of snitching and other kinds of destructive relations between inmates. Solidarity comes hard.

Coalition women say "In holding this rally, we are demonstrating our solidarity and support for all political prisoners who are being held captive, not because they are criminals, but because they are victims of a criminal society."

The rally, to which both men and women are invited, was conceived researched and organized by Bay Area women. Speakers include Connie Mathews, a member of the Black Panther Party; Donna James, of Los Siete; A former woman prisoner; Faye Stender, lawyer for the Soledad Brothers; and Carol Krutz, a representative of the Coalition and a member of the Red Family.

Daycare will be provided for children at 2438 Waring and at the Park where the rally will be held.

ECO·POTENTIAL

by Frank R. Kegan

All of us are well aware of the terrible mismanagement of practically everything. Community control has been suggested as an improvement in the management of neighborhoods, police forces, building projects and the various other obnoxious intrusions of technocraft. The technocrat claims that the average citizen does not understand the technicalities; however, most of the technocrat's time is taken up in making sure that his work is expressed in as cryptic a jargon as is possible. His existence can be justified only if the community cannot understand his work yet feels that it is necessary. It is impossible for the technocrat to understand the needs of a community because he is too busy separating himself to be able to become part of it.

The only consistent solution is somehow to give the community the technical information it needs to make community decisions and then welcome the unemployed technocrat back into the community. The only massive difficulty for the average citizen in understanding technical information is that once it is removed from its jargon it usually is so trivial that it appears incredible. Confidence and a few formulae are all the technical information that are really necessary. Most of the wondrous technology now destroying the earth operated on principles that are no longer accepted in theoretical science. However, with appropriate tinker the machines produce the goods, the profits can be made and the difficulties are all neatly disposed of into the atmosphere or the nearest body of water.

One of the first steps that could be taken to destroy the Earth a little less quickly and fully than is currently happening would be to somewhat more realistic in our priorities. Currently, people in favor of "ecology" can still say that it is better to put a housing development on empty land than to wipe out a woods or other developed ecosystem. That kind of priority system makes it more difficult to place blame on anyone; however, the irresponsibility of that attitude must be paid for by the planet. Empty land is like a blank page — its potential is at its highest. There can be no way to determine what will happen to that land if it is left to itself. There can be no rational decision made as to the relative merits of the unlimited possibilities of the land and the particular attributes of some technological work. A woods or other developed eco-system has already limited its potentialities to a single set of realities. It is therefore possible to compare the developed eco-system of a woods to the developed eco-system of a city. Rational decisions can be made only between simple and reasonably similar alternatives. A city is a very limited and dead eco-system which can only be compared to other limited and dead eco-systems, like stagnating ponds or decadent forests. Open land, unless it has been destroyed with chemicals, is an extremely living eco-system. Thus the reasonable priority would be to favor leaving open land to the elements and building technological works on already decadent eco-systems.

Such changes in priorities require considerably more responsibility than most technocrats and other Korporation-oriented people are used to. However, the earth is dying, and unless we are willing to become responsible for all our actions we will be forced to be responsible for our death.

LINK

LINK is an on-going program to bring outside support to women prisoners. It began in San Jose and has spread to San Francisco. The women in LINK want to help women prisoners get jobs when they come out — keep the children of women prisoners out of the hands of the state or county — bring out crafts women make in prison to sell and return the money to their books — bring much needed lawyers and doctors into the prisons — get volunteers to visit prisons and find out the names of women needing medical and legal aid and also find out ALL the needs of the women.

Specific LINK projects now include the establishment of an Arts and Crafts storefront and workshop and a childcare center. One of the ways LINK is raising money is through a series of sales at the flea market. Good condition used clothing or articles are needed desperately.

If possible bring or send the articles to Mickey at 3081 Hope Street, San Jose 95111 or write her to make further arrangements. Or call Robin at 548-5599 in Berkeley.

Out of the confusion and disappointment surrounding the Constitutional Convention in Washington, there seems to be one clear lesson for the white movement.

Up until this time, whites, whether liberals or revolutionaries, have functioned primarily as supporters for the Black Panther Party. For many whites, "supporting the Panthers" constituted their major political activity.

During the past two years, the Panthers have certainly needed our help and support, as office after office was attacked and Panther members were killed or carted off to jail.

Unfortunately, the relationship we fell into, the Panthers leading and fighting, and we supporting, has led to some unfortunate consequences. The Panthers stated that they were the Vanguard of the revolution. We accepted that notion, because at the time, it seemed true.

What other group was there, white or black, that could compare with the Black Panther Party? The relationship became institutionalized. When the Panthers asked us to do something, we did it. We never asked questions, and often we were not consulted.

That we so readily accepted this arrangement is our fault. If we felt that our relationship with the Panthers was unsatisfactory, we should have told them so, out front, but in late 1967 and early 1968 most of us were still too full of "liberal guilt" and hang-ups about dealing with black people to do that.

Many people, admiring the "discipline" of the Panther party, mistakenly felt it would be inopportune to ask questions. The Panthers themselves failed to encourage such dialogue. "You're either with us, or you're against us," they've said time again. "We judge people by what they do, not by what they say," or "You're either part of the solution or part of the problem."

The Panthers, at times, had a point. When you're fighting for your survival, you obviously can't spend a lot of time intellectualizing or tea-grouping. The Panthers could not respect the white movement when it failed to respect itself. They call movement-wide conferences to which they ask us to come, without consulting us. Expecting Panther leadership in Washington, huge numbers of people stand around on street corners for two days, not knowing what the hell is going on.

They condemned us for not organizing actions around Bobby Seale's trial, but never told us that such actions would be desirable, nor have they provided the necessary leadership in the struggle to free Bobby.

It would be tragic if as a result of what

WASHINGTON:

By Barbara, Karen & Sally

WASHINGTON, DC (LNS) — One hassled conventioneer from Chicago summed up the mood in Washington, "There's plenty of revolutionary people here, but 'convention' means getting together. And that's what we're not doing."

The Revolutionary People's Constitutional Convention was originally called to map out a revolutionary constitution which pressed for revolutionary demands from the existing power structure, served as a visionary guide for a future socialist America and as an organizing approach for uniting Black, Third World and White people. Last summer a preliminary session to the convention was held in Philadelphia which drew 10,000 participants, 70 per cent of them black. But this time in Washington, only a third of the 5,000 people were black.

Though Howard University reneged on its offer of convention facilities, ad hoc convention workshops did coalesce Friday afternoon and continued through Saturday and Sunday. Women's liberation organizers handed out leaflets announcing the existence of a women's center at Trinity college, a catholic girls' school, to all women who appeared at All Souls Church for registration. Trinity's administration had granted the space only on condition that no men be allowed in. The 1500 or so women who used Trinity to meet, eat and sleep were in most cases painfully aware that their success at getting a place came because the good priests, mainly white, regard us as harmless, nice middle-class girls. On Saturday afternoon, the women discussed very seriously the possibility of liberating Trinity and turning it over to the RPCC.

But women filled the largest meeting hall at Trinity — so clearly there was not enough room for the whole convention. Moreover, when some women had presented the idea to the Panthers Friday night, the Panthers themselves rejected it. That such a long heated discussion occurred on such a flimsy basis is sad testimony to our lack of organization and discipline during the weekend.

At different points during the weekend women met in workshops around such topics as women and imperialism, the concrete meaning of Third World leadership, women's culture, lesbianism, feminism and our future, racism and sexism, etc.

For gay people, especially gay men, the convention formed the back drop for the largest gathering of revolutionary homosexuals ever. A chapel at American University served as headquarters for over 150 gay men. (Most lesbians spent their time at Trinity). The men discussed a gay platform for the constitution, racism, sexism and adopte; the 16-point program of the Third World Gay Revolution as the basis of a national gay liberation program. People danced, talked, dug each other, and laid preliminary plans for a national gay liberation get-together to be held next spring.

Other groups, including regional groups, and men who wished to discuss their own chauvinism, met in and around the two churches available for use by the convention.

On Friday night, a mass rally of 5,000 flocked to Malcolm X Park to hear calls for the liberation of Howard and the music of the Panther band — the Lumpen. Gay men were particularly enthusiastic, leading people in snake dances and shouting "Homo, homo, homo sexual, the ruling class is ineffectual." But many people felt too tense and confused to enjoy the rock concert.

Saturday evening, Huey P. Newton, Michael Tabor (see last week's Tribe) and Robert Scheer addressed a crowd of about 1500 inside and outside Washington's St. Stephens Church.

Huey addressed himself to the question of why there was going to be no constitution.

"The fact that no meeting place could be obtained showed that we were still an enslaved people. . . . We must be very careful about holding what looks like a convention that will map the new world and set certain principles that the people can live by . . . before we set those principles we must set the conditions right so those principles can exist in peace. . . . A raincheck should be put on the convention until we have liberated Washington. . . ."

"I can understand why the people are unhappy, and I'm unhappy also . . . after these few words we will discuss further what is to be done . . . we're not here with arrogance, we're not here to drop a plan on your heads, the plan must come from you . . . we ask you to show us the way or at least let's argue about it to get synthesis and unity because we can't move without it . . . we're here with one purpose and that is to serve the people and if we're not serving the people then we deserve to be criticized."

INTERCOMMUNUALISM

At one point within his speech, Huey introduced the theory of "intercommunualism". He explained that this concept replaces internationalism "because nations no longer exist."

"Nations do not exist in practice, because of the economic, military and political force exerted by the American empire — imperialism. Nations had been transformed into dispersed communities. The United States has violated all the principles of self determination by which we define nationhood. Even the progressive communities of the world such as North Korea and China have not freed themselves entirely. Only world revolution can end the Empire, and thus there is a need for the interrelating of world struggles — intercommunualism."

Applying his thesis to Amerika, Huey revised the old Panther definition of blacks as a colony. Rather, blacks in Amerikkka are a "dispersed collection of communities under seige."

BEARING ARMS

"If there is no defense when your house is under siege then we say you are less than a man. It is not a matter of revolution, it is not a matter of Marxism, it is not a matter of politics, it is a matter of manhood. We will not be intimidated . . . We will not budge an inch. . . . In order to get rid of the gun, it's necessary to take up the gun."

SEXISM?

Listening to Huey's speech, we agreed that armed self defense is necessary for our liberation. But we felt that it IS a matter of revolution, it IS a matter of Marxism, it IS a matter of politics. And what it emphatically is NOT, is a matter of MANhood. It's a matter of PEOPLEhood, a human right.

Later in his speech, Huey criticized himself:

"When I say man, I'm talking about women too. I stand criticized. I will strip this out of my vocabulary, but I too am a victim of the ruling class and they have gotten certain bourgeois tendencies in me. . . . Most of the ranking members of the party, most of the party officials, most of the staff are women. . . We believe in the total equality of women . . . it's a fact that when we were black nationalists, the women were given a role that was inferior. After we adopted socialist values . . . we saw that the resources we had in the party were not being used so therefore we attempted to do something about it . . . In fact, the women did something about it because they were moving against us all the time . . . they didn't arrive at a decision, they spirited the party into a whole new bag."

As we looked around, we noticed that all the rally guards and all the Panther spokesMEN, were MEN. Where were Joan Bird, Afeni Shakur, Artie Seale and the other Panther women? We ask you this in a spirit of revolutionary love, Huey, but we do ask you and we think the party should answer.

Huey ended by cautioning his audience against spontaneous action and warned, "the revolution is not tomorrow."

As the weekend ended, those still in Washington expressed a sense of confusion at the conference. Clearly something went wrong.

As the Panthers clearly laid out, most of the problem was caused by the pig power structure that intimidated all of Washington into refusing us a place to meet. Nixon's purpose and the purpose of the officials at Howard IS to divide the people. But we have to examine how much of the rest of the blame should fall on the shoulders of the Panthers and how much on the rest of the movement.

We know the Panthers are in a very difficult situation right now — 200 members of the party are in prison, Bobby is on trial for his life, Eldridge and Kathleen are in exile. Huge Panther busts have occurred just this fall in Philadelphia, Detroit and New Orleans.

Twenty-eight members of the Panther party have been murdered by the police. This week marks the first anniversary of the death of Deputy Chairman Fred Hampton. Much, much too much of the Panthers' energies must be spent on defense. The Panthers are on the firing line and right now the white movement is not, or not nearly to the same extent. In their situation, the Panthers feel necessarily isolated and distrustful of us. Some people felt as if the Panthers didn't offer us a big enough role in planning either the Philadelphia or the Washington convention. And that is true . . . but we have not been together enough, or had enough of a unity to demand and win a bigger role for ourselves.

We should have developed standing committees from the Philly workshops. Then, when Howard pigged out, there would have been movement-wide structures to deal with the crisis. We shouldn't have had to stand around waiting for the Panthers to come up with something and they would not have had that horrible burden placed on them. So the problem was not — and is not — Thanksgiving weekend, but all the weeks and months before, during which we have been so confused and disorganized. Just last week we had no organized way to respond to the invasion of North Vietnam territory by a so-called rescue mission for POWs.

Thanksgiving weekend just pointed out, like the nadir of an acid trip, our need for structure.

So let's get it together, people.

happened in Washington, the white movement were to reject or move away from the Black Panther Party. The Panthers are still clearly the leading revolutionary organization in the black community, and probably the most advanced group in the US.

The problem in Washington as it was during the July, 1969 United Front Against Fascism conference in Oakland was that the Panthers were attempting to speak for the entire revolutionary movement: black, white, chicano, women, gays, Indians, etc.

It seems clear that the Black Panther Party is not in a position to do this. It has shown very little understanding of the problems confronting the white communities, male, female and gay, and very little disposition to try and deal with those problems.

For the Panthers to try and provide ideological leadership for the white community, is as absurd as a white revolutionary organization to try to lead black people. The Panthers seem to have forgotten what they used to say when people first asked them how they could help. "Go and organize your own community," was their initial response to white activists.

That response is still valid. We must build a white movement that has strong ties to our community, that relates to the problems of our community (including racism), but we must do it in our own way, using our own methods and our own ideas.

Many of us recognize Huey P. Newton as the leading revolutionary thinker in Amerika today, but not all of his ideas are applicable in the white community. We have to choose those things we believe will work for us, no matter where those ideas come from.

Most of us will continue to support the Black Panther Party, its right to defend itself against attack, and the programs it is carrying out in the black community.

However, when the Black Panther Party wants to work in coalition with us, it will have to deal with us as equal, as revolutionary sisters and brothers, who have something to contribute to the revolution. The more we develop our own movement and our own ideas, the more such a coalition of equals becomes possible.

This kind of relationship might prove to be beneficial to both of us. We whites might learn something about revolutionary discipline from the Panthers, and the Panthers might learn something about the pitfalls of elitism and sexism from us.

If there is going to be a revolution, we've got to make it together, fighting side by side, as equals, rather than from top down.

—A.G.

TWO VIEWS

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Witnesses are needed for people ripped off during the Ky demonstration at the Fairmont last week. Most of the cases are flimsy, trumped-up charges based on pig lies, but the San Francisco judges and DAs are into political lynchings. Do your bit to combat creeping fascism —— bring or call in any information about arrests you witnessed, photographs, eyewitness reports, broken clubs, or whatever, to Project One at 1360 Howard Street, San Francisco, 626–1425.

conceiving a new nation...

Tap on the shoulder, "Who's that speaking now?" As inadequately amplified syllables drifted over the crowd on the street corner.

"Why that' Huey P. Newton!"

"Oh." Pause,"What's he saying?"

"Dunno, I can't hear a word either."

"Wow, three years ago I thought what a damn shame it was that I'd never get to hear Huey speak. But I didn't think it would be like this."

That sort of summed it up for a lot of us who'd come to Washington bringing nothing to contribute but our warm bodies, having no idea how to get together with others from around the country. White people who could be in the same place at the same time only at the call of the Black Panther Party.

We drove in Thanksgiving night, tired after ten hours on the road with failing brakes. We had nowhere to go. I was with people from Boston, but with them only in the physical sense. We'd only talked about the convention in the car to the point where we agreed that we had no idea why we were going.

We were a little too proud to admit to ourselves that we expected the Panthers to provides us with a place to meet, a place to sleep, and context and issues to meet around, and at the end expected to complain about the Panthers making all the decisions themselves.

Checking in at Howard we got some blank stares from students. Finally one responded to our questions. "Oh yeah, that convention. It isn't going to be held here, the Panthers couldn't come up with enough bread.'"

So we called up the Ministry of Information. We were told that the convention had been cancelled. See! Already the Panthers were alienating us!

But for some reason we refused to believe it. A nervous guy from LA with a neatly rolled up sleeping bag came in then and we told him the news. "Oh yeah?" He got real angry and his face turned beet red. "There's people lined up at the LA airport waiting to come here! Over two thousand are coming in from New York City! The People will be here, more than twenty thousand of them and if they want to have a convention, they'll have it! And fuck the Panthers!" He stomped out angrily into the darkness having made the definitive statement.

The next day, outside All Soul's Church, things seemed to pick up. Everyone started meeting with everyone else they hadn't seen since the last big movement get together (UFAF? Flint? The Great Conspiracy Trial?) It felt good to be with people in the daylight. And we started to register so that must have meant something was going to happen.

Then the Word trickled down that we were supposed to move to St. Stephens Church four blocks away.

Like mindless cattle we all slowly made the trek down to the church, hoping the revolution, (or something) would be handed to us there. When it wasn't, we stood around and waited.

In a sort of dialectical process of people getting together with those they felt to be the least threatening, regional caucuses occurred. I stood with the California caucus (soon changed to "Bay Area" without audible protest even from those mythical people who'd lined up at the LA airport.)

But the caucuses soon broke up when the Panther's press statement was read inside the church. Not a Panther, but a student from Howard University read the heavily rhetorical denunciation of the Howard administration for reneging on its agreement to provide convention facilities.

In the Bay Area Caucus, about five people thought the Panthers were asking us to storm Howard and take it over militarily. Three of them were afraid they would lead us to our deaths, and thought that was bad vanguard leadership.

Totally controlled by events, not daring to take initiative in anything, all we could do was sit around and talk about absurd fears.

Of course the Panthers weren't about to lead us into a riot. They certainly weren't going to ask white people to storm and occupy a black university. They were primarily interested in mobilizing support of the huge DC black community against the college which should be serving their interests.

But there was trouble with that too. The Panther DC office had just opened a few months earlier, and there is not a strong Panther presence in Washington. The Panther programs were just getting started, and the culturally conscious but not Marxist black community does not at this time identify all that strongly with the Panthers and certainly not with the convention.

Washington DC as a site for the convention was more symbolic than practical.

As we waited, (white people unable even to meet together productively) I ran into some friends who were trying to build lives in Vermont. They had a hard time putting the convention in the context of the lives they were trying to lead, and, like myself, were sorry that they'd come. We hugged each other, bought food, found a place to cook it, and ate it. We felt much better.

We wanted to forget about the convention, knowing we wouldn't write a constitution, resenting having one written for us, and feeling powerless to change the situation or bring sanity and togetherness into more than our own little enclave.

But we went to the rally, deciding magnanimously to give it one more chance. It was like a huge political be-in, a gathering of the collectives. Again we saw people we hadn't seen in years, danced, talked, sang, and listened to the Lumpen singing "Bobby Seale must be set free." Somehow, I think we knew without saying it, that this was the best of what could, under these circumstances, happen in a large national gathering of people.

Still, no one knew what was coming off, and no one, including myself, was into taking measures to see what could be made of the situation. I saw some of the People Who Should Know (you know who they are, I don't have to mention names) and they seemd real embarassed about not knowing.

Finally Big Man gave a speech saying that the Washington Community would have to be mobilized to liberate a place to hold the convention, and we'd stay two days, two weeks or two years if we had to in order to write the constitution.

As a white person, I felt little relevance in my sticking around to organize the DC black community.

The next day, the Washington Post headlined the event "Panthers Hold Rock—Fest."

Saturday was the worst day. Meetings seemed to be scheduled all day long, none of which ever happened. At least none that a white heterosexual male could attend.

So I found myself doing what men have been doing since the start of urban civilization. I stood on a street corner to pass the time. I began to get tired of seeing the same people I hadn't seen in more than a year for the fourth or fifth time, and felt sick that I had little more to communicate to them than "Well, where are you living, what are you into, how are you doing?"

The Vermont people left, feeling that conventions, as such, were irrelevant. That they had to work from the bottom up, starting with their own lives, not with massive alienating gatherings called to issue profound but at the same time meaningless statements.

Standing on a street corner, waiting for Huey, that's what the situation had reduced us to. Finally I got drunk on Ripple with three friends and went to the Smithsonian to check out the dinosaurs. It felt like I was admitting defeat in a venture I never understood at all.

Then, there was Huey's speech. Appropriately, it seemed, I couldn't get in. On second hand information, it pleased me to hear that the Panthers felt it was absurd to write a constitution when we couldn't even get a place. They cancelled the event, and issued us a rain check until we were more together.

Afterwards, finally, there were workshops called by white people, meetings that would be held, supposedly to help get together a white freek movement in the country.

When we got there, American University, the last best hope of getting it on turned into a nightmare. Thousands of kids were running around panhandling each other for wine or dope, there were no workshops, no gatherings or meetings, no talk of Panthers, women, gay people, us, or anything at all. There was only Jerry Rubin preening himself in a corner surrounded by a small entourage. You could feel the Yippie ego-tripping pecking order even across the large room. Superjoel was there, railing that Rubin's mind had been destroyed by radiation from too many hours in front of his color TV.

Back to the Berkeley meeting, Superjoel broke it up with more rantingabout the Yippies, and people talked of struggle and sending emissaries out to other meetings (which probably weren't happening). NO! NO! NO! I couldn't deal with it anymore, was there no one left sane but me, or was I the only one nuts? It didn't matter, why hadn't I gone back to Vermont?

I fell asleep on the floor, got up the next morning and sorely regretted it, took a shower and went back to sleep, awakening at dark. I walked downstairs and to my utter horror saw that another meeting of Berkeley people was in progress. I sat down with my head in my hands planning to be bored by politicos once again.

But that wasn't what was happening, it was strange and at first in my cynical sourness I had a hard time picking up on it. People were talking but it was real for the first time. They were telling why they'd come to the convention and how they felt about each other, and about themselves, and after a few minutes it became ourselves and why we were together or alone and wanted to be together, and as supper was served everyone was sobbing and hugging each other and opening up and talking to people they'd seen every day for years but had never talked to before, and for the first time during the weekend I could feel hopeful and good as we began our work on the constitution and prepared for our long hard drive across the United States back home to Berkeley.

I.C.

LAW FIRM BECOMES A COLLECTIVE

There are twelve receptionists in a local law office. The law firm isn't that big. It's just that all twelve workers (attorneys and legal workers alike) share receptionist duties equally.

This is just one aspect of how brothers and sisters in a movement law firm have moved from traditional law practice toward becoming a collective. They've had to overcome some large obstacles along the way and still face more. But they've done a lot of growing together.

The firm known as Franck, Hill, Stender, Hendon, Kelly, and Larson started a transformation three months ago. Ilene, a legal worker, explains that the lawyers realized "their own office structures were only perpetuating the system they were trying to change. To free others while continuing to oppress the very people employed by them would be blatantly hypocritical."

To begin with, weekly lawyers' meetings became meetings for all the people in the office. Decisions started to be made collectively, and political discussions began.

One important decision was to start paying people on the basis of NEED. Lawyers, of course, have traditionally made a lot more money than legal workers. Significantly, it was the lawyers who introduced the proposal. But a lot of struggle was needed to resolve the issue.

Giving legal workers more responsibility is allowing the collective to devote more time to political cases. But there's a barrier imposed by legal "professionalism." Only a lawyer can appear in court, for instance.

Both the courts and the bar associations impose numerous restrictions on law firms. "The main obstacle is the environment that imposes such stratification upon us," says one brother. "In a sense lawyers are an arm of the state."

"Professionalism" is imposed in many ways. In the prohibiting of casual dress in court. In prohibiting anyone but a lawyer from doing certain types of legal work. In prohibiting anyone but a lawyer to be mentioned in a firm's name.

Traditionally, there's been an "elite class" of lawyers (mostly male) who hire and boss legal workers (mostly female). This class consciousness was expressed by a Chicago lawyer who said, "I'll be damned if after all those years of law school that I'll serve my clients coffee."

Our sisters and brothers are trying to break down these barriers but realize that some still exist. The legal workers "are less outspoken at group meetings while not hesitating to caucus among themselves," says Ilene. She also feels some of the lawyers tend to "check up" on the legal workers. "This may be in part due to our own inability and timidity in realizing our newly found functions and freedoms and in part due to the yet restricting tendencies of some of the attorneys," she says.

But there's a commitment to struggle by all concerned. They realize the need for an organization that emulates their beliefs. And the vibes around the office seem a lot mellower.

"Working with people like the Soledad Brothers, Los Siete. . . .The whole thing's a politicizing process," says Ezra. And both Ilene and Ezra agree it's the best job they ever had.

"I look forward to coming to work in the morning," says Ezra. And that says something about what's being built.

sue the pigs

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FOLSOM

The California prison strike began on election day. It lasted 19 days, the longest prison strike in US history. At Folsom it was completely effective; elsewhere in the state it had support, but not the same unanimity. These letters from men intimately involved in the strike give some flavor of what it was like inside, at the height and in the final hours.

I am talking about the miracle of twenty-four hundred racially exploited, misused, brutalized, under fed, overworked, under paid, sick, angry and 'life-style' revolutionaries spending sixteen days (two to a cell) in a 5x9' matchbox, living on a diet of TWO very funky sandwiches, cold and prepared in the kitchen of hate, doing without showers, exercise, newspapers, radio, coffee, cigarettes or very much sleep (everyone is constantly called on to pass something to the next cell), enduring all of this self-imposed privation without the violence of breaking so much as a window. Remember that we are talking about Folsom Prison, known throughout the nation of penology as one of the toughest penitentiaries in the country!

As I stated at the outset, there is no precedent in our nation for what is happening here in Folsom today, but important as this miracle of 'non-violent' protest is, it is overshadowed by the incredible fact (to anyone who has ever been incarcerated or endeavored to organize in the racially seething institutions of our state) that 'fractionalism'... the heavyweight motivator of heretofore ALL inmate activity at Folsom Prison...takes a back seat to community brotherhood. If the hatchet of White, Black, Chicano hate can be buried here, where those who have hated the hardest and longest live together, then godammit! it can be buried anywhere. It is this fact which makes our 'strike ' pulsate with the vibrancy of 'real' revolution.

Our sit-down strike was created by opressive, inhumane conditions and the flagrant denial of our basic human rights. An opressed man rebels against negative conditions, conditions that demean him as a human being. Folsom Prison is a 'loathsome concrete purgatory and a nightmarish spawning grounds for frustration and hatred.' Folsom is dirty and overcrowded. The food is deplorable. There are no wholesome programs for recreation. The educational and vocational trade programs are outmoded. The medical facilities are criminal. Our labor is being exploited by unscrupulous merchants who pay us slave wages. We are forced to serve unusually long periods of incarceration. The mailing and visiting privileges are unfair. Men are thrown into the hole for no other reason than their political beliefs. We are murdered and shot down in the name of Law and Order. Most of the prison officials and guards come from the lowest element of the white racist attitude. The prison officials systematically breed a violent atmosphere of race hatred in a vicious attempt to create divisions between the Black, Brown, and White prisoners. Our lives are in the hands of a Fascist parole board that is totally unsympathetic to humanity. In other words, we spend the vast majority of our time vegetating and degenerating. Yet we are too blind and ignorant to recognize these overt oppressive conditions. The pig is mad!

The strike was broken NOT because the prisoners had become disenchanted. The Collective Spirit and optimism were too real to make me believe that the prisoners went to work as a result of disillusionment. Two-thousand men don't strike for '19 days' and then suddenly become disenchanted. Only the most naive of fools would believe that such a thing could happen. Therefore, it is only logical that devious means were employed to break the strike.

It is clear as crystal that Craven used political deception and brute force to get the prisoners to go to work.

On the 23rd of November and the day the strike was broken, the prison pigs, armed with rifles and wooden clubs, stopped in front of each man's cell and ordered each man back to work. Of course the order was weighted down with violence, the threat of violence. Not wanting to be shot or clubbed to death, the prisoners natuarally complied with the pigs' vicious method of brute force.

In Building One, one of Cravens inmate agents drew up several reactionary leaflets and circulated them throughout the building (Building One is where 'Kitchen Row' is located). The leaflets which were passed from cell to cell by the inmates, said that the kitchen workers were supposed to go back to work so that the prisoners could start eating hot meals again. Because so many legitimate leaflets and notes were being circulated throughout Building One, the inmates in that building naturally assumed that those reactionary leaflets were the real thing. This was the method used to get the kitchen workers to go back to work.

The day before the strike was broken, Craven, in an announcement over the prison radio, said that you and your colleagues were connected with communist organizations and that the strike was part of a communist conspiracy. However, I don't think that these slanderous remarks had too much of an adverse effect on the prisoners . . .

Yes we are holding our mud. We are sick and tired of being treated like dogs, and we are demanding an immediate end to the injustices that dominate our lives. Hell no! we are not going back to work-not until our demands are met and carried out. The truth and the power are on our side. Without our labor, the Department of Corrections has nothing. So we say to you, Faithful Comrades, have faith in us because we are going to hold our mud and walk all over these insane pigs who would dare oink in our faces. We stand with you in Solidarity.

One of the main ways of breaking the strike was transferring and isolating the leaders. Friday, November 20, four Folsom inmates were taken from their cells at 3 a.m., put into a laundry van and chained hand and foot. They were dispersed across the state. A brother who spoke to one of them recreated the feeling:

Well, how do four men feel lying trapped and chained in their own spitum, kidneys breaking, backbone trembling? Not a peep from the prisoners, their teeth always chatter like that. Or maybe they were too warm to speak, or too tired. Or too disgusted with raw humanity!

A writer must forget, but it is better if he remembers it, and even a good case of sadism must be admired, it deserves to be, because only through tolerance — love and hate, good and evil — does man grow in prospective; out of the evilness of the human race has come some of its greatness, evoking the desire to do better from the oppressed: Joan of Arc, Jesus Christ, John Brown, Gandhi are a few examples that come to mind. No doubt about it, out of prisons, such as Folsom, will emerge another saint someday, somebody who will be able to break up the cement so the flowers can grow. But in the meantime, four men took a van ride — what that busted up, I'll never know — and they took it singing, and shouting and cold — because in their hearts they know it still — somebody has to ride the vans if the cement is ever to go.

Luis Talamantes is serving two consecutive 5-15 year sentences in San Quentin for armed robbery. He has spent almost all of his 5 years in prison in the adjustment center. Last March, after a fight broke out between him and another chicano, he was charged (not by the brother; by the prison administration) with aggravated assault, which carries either death or life imprisonment if he is convicted.

Since the escape attempt of August 7, Luis and Ruchell Magee have been leading the fight against the growth of fascism in the courts and their particular repression on black and brown prisoners.

He appears next Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 9 am. Check it out — one way or the other.

LETTERS

Oscar Craddock, a white inmate at Soledad, was asked by a guard to kill Earl Satcher, chief Black Panther at Soledad. Obviously the prison believed Craddock would go along, or at least not undermine the plot (and who knows how many others have been given similar tasks?).

Craddock palyed along. Satcher walked down the hall, returning from an interview with his attorney. Craddock's cell door was unlocked. He slipped out, approached Satcher--and told him everything. They aggreed to tell lawyers about it.

Last Thursday, attorney Larry Baskin filed suit for Satcher and Craddock to compel Warden Fitzharris to control the guards and protect the lives of inmates.

This is the second such suit from Soledad. Three weeks ago, two white prisoners, Carl Tsouras and Michael Huyck, filed a suit against the warder with the same demands. They had been asked by a guard, a couselor and another staff person to kill Thomas Meneweather, another black militant.

And it is not just that these two militants threaten to organize black prisoners (and not only black, it appears) to strike against the system. Both are survivors of the January 13th shooting in the Soledad yard, in which three black inmates were murdered by guards. This event triggered the retaliatory offing of the pig for which the Soledad Three are being tried.

Craddock, Tsouras and Huyck have nothing to gain and everything to lose by standing with their black brothers against the administration, the bulls, and the dominant white racist culture. Only those who are willing to take such losses can ever be free.

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Meanwhile, The Soledad Brothers are fighting just to maintain contact with the outside world. After a fight broke out in the visiting room, John Cluchette was sentenced, by the jail disciplinary board, to 29 days in the hole. Friday he went to Federal Court to challenge the constitutionality of prison disciplinary procedures. Among the demanded changes in the hearing system are: the right to an attorney or a substitute at the hearing; the right to confront witnesses against you; the right to call witnesses for you; the right to have a written notice of charges against you.

The decision hinges on whether the punishment meted out is sufficiently severe to warrant constitutional safeguards. 'The state, which metes them out, maintains that punishment is trivial. that enforcing the safeguards would be an undue burden on them.

Cluchette-- and all prisoners -- say that no puishment is trivial. That moving a man from the main line to the adjustment center-where he gets a half and hour a day exercise and fewer privileges, and is locked up alone in his cell the rest of the time-is not trivial. That moving a man from the adjustment center to isolation is a major act in the life of a prsoner, already so limited and powerless . That an unfavorable report to the adult authority, which naturally happens after being disciplined, can result in more years in the prison. That being denied visiting privilege can throw men into despair, the despair the prison needs to nurture, and precisely what is being broken through by present organizing efforts.

In court, one state official admitted that possibly 10-15% of the prisoners brought before disciplinary hearings get acquitted. When pressed, he said the percentage was even less for felons. No prisoner at San Quentin can remember a convicted felon ever getting acquitted at a desciplinary hearing.

So Cluchette's case is a test, of whether prisoners are people or are totally at the mercy of the bulls and bureaucrats. Inside, when you don't have much, winning this could make a visible difference in the stability of prisoners' lives. Once convicted at a hearing, the prisoner may spend years in the adjustment center, because once there, he can be framed just as he probably was to put him there in the first place.

The judge wants more briefs by January 4. The prisoners want freedom, and are not waiting on the judge.

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The whole idea of revolutionaries being in court is almost incredible. The third act of last week's drama was played in a plush courtroom, with two super-annuated geezers (Justice Ho-hum was sick, we are sure no one objects to his taking part in the decision anyway) siiting in judgment on where the Soledad Three should come to trial.

The black brothers want it to be in San Francisco, where they feel they have the best chance of getting even a remotely fair jury. They won a change of venue (place) from Monterey County, where Soledad is.

Now the district attorney who opposed the change from Monterey wants to transfer the case to one of the most racist counties in the state, San Diego.

The defense's grounds for keeping the case in San Francisco are sound: the law allows the defense to decide what population they feel most represents their own peers.

Their case is statutory. So much so that the Judicial Council, a judge's group, has specifically requested legislation to allow the prosecution to get a change of venue? There is no now that provides for this. The impartial court cut lawyer Marvin Stender off when he tried to introduce this fact? "What will happen in 1971 is not relevant here, counsel."

The state's case has nothing to do with the actual laws. Affirming the fundamental right to revolution, Assistant Attorney General Albert Harris argued that the court must grant a change when it appears a fair trial cannot be held, despite what may be on the books. This, he asserted, was common law practice for two centuries. And since there is no specific statutory denial of the prosecution's right to a venue change, why should it not be allowed.

This Orwellian doble-talk was spiced with references to the threat of violence in the courtroom which was raised by " the events of August 7"--legal jargon for the attempted kidnap/jailbreak led by Jonathan Jackson. and by references to the same Judicial council request, only using it to show that the prosecution should, after all, be allowed such a right, because the weight of judicial thinking was for it (and this time the judges listened without interruption).

The state's case was so transparently an attempt at breaking up the political and legal work of the brothers that there could be no doubt about fascism's ability to use the laws to repress the movement and its leaders. the question is whether we, on the inside and outside, can use the power of the people to free them.

If you want to work directly on this see the Soledad Brothers defense Committee,6436 Telegraph, Oakland, 654-5867; or 129 Fillmore, SF, 626-2544. The Oakland office is new and expecially needs office equipment--desks, charis and a couch.

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Soledad Brothers Defense

A holiday Arts and Crafts sale for the benefit of the Soledad Brothers Defense Fund will be held on Saturday and Sunday, December 12th and 13th, 1 to 6 pm at Project One, Howard and 10th Streets, San Francisco.

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canada

Trudeau's new improved War Measures Act, called the Public Order Act, is an even more specific attempt at legalizing the government's flagrant disregard for the most fundamental civil rights. One of the most important sections of the Act, Section 8, states that "any person who BEFORE OR AFTER the application of the present act has participated in meetings of an illegal organization, or has publicly advocated it, or communicated information in its name, is assumed to be a member of the said association as long as the person has not proven to the contrary."

This section of the Act directly contradicts the two basic principles of Anglo-American jurisprudence and the Universal Declaration of the Rights of Man with the institution of a retroactive law and the presumption of guilt. In other words, you can be convicted today for an act which was not illegal at the time. You are considered guilty until you can prove your innocence. The description of offenses is left deliberately vague to leave room for maximum repression in the courts. The Act also implies guilt by association – "to participate in a meeting" could mean nothing more than being one of 30,000 people at a demonstration addressed by a member of any now-illegal organization.

This ought to satisfy anyone who ever wondered if they had any legal rights. It's simple – they don't!

cross

James Cross has been released after 2 months confinement in the hands of the FLQ. The only "harsh treatment" he received was an intensive language study program: he was forced to watch 164 French flicks. He even had a ransom set—though the government refused to come to his aid. Meanwhile Trudeau's regime still holds at least 150 political prisoners, many in solitary confinement, few given reasons for their imprisonment, all refused bail. Some who've had the chance to speak have testified to being tortured. The British diplomat is free: how long will the political prisoners wait for their freedom—even for a trial? 2 weeks? 2 months? 2 years?

brazil

Monday, December 7, Swiss Ambassador Giovanni Enrico Bucher became the fifteenth official of an imperialist government to be kidnapped in the Western Hemisphere in as many months. Three of the fifteen have been killed as a result of the "hard line on kidnappings" that has filtered south from Washington, and two are still being held by the Tupamaros in Uruguay. In exchange for the other nine, 82 political prisoners have been set free.

Bucher was abducted by a highly disciplined unit of the National Liberation Alliance, the group initially organized by Carlos Marighella. The ALN pulled off the first political kidnapping in Latin America in September, 1969, with the abduction of U.S. Ambassador Burke Elbrich from his home in Rio de Janeiro. Elbrich was later released in exchange for fifteen political prisoners.

The kidnapping of Bucher was the first action by the ALN since Joaquin Camara Ferreira, the group's leader since the death of Marighella, was killed by police last month. The military dictatorship had announced that Ferreira's death would cause the collapse of the ALN, and that the thirteen other revolutionary groups committed to armed struggle in Brizil were foundering under the impact of the dictatorship's policies of brutal repression.

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The action Monday, carried out with a calculated precission, was an embarassment for the dictatorship and an announcement to all of Brazil that the underground has not only survived in the face of the Secret Police and their propensity for torture, but has continued to grow.

It was also a severe embarassment for the imperialists who are putting most of their chips on Brazil as the bulwark of North American domination in a continent that is rapidly slipping through their fat little fingers. The dictatorship,

presided over by a "Congress of Generals," seized power six years ago and exercises fascist control over the vast market that Brazil's 90 million people represent to the Yanqui elite. Perhaps even more important to the American interests is the fact that the Brazilian generals command the largest armed force in Latin America — a fascist army that may well be used against the progressive movements in Chile, Bolivia, Peru and Uruguay when the time is ripe.

The ALN, along with the Popular Revolutionary Vanguard (VPR) and the dozen other armed struggle groups in Brazil, has committed itself to the long view and is preparing for a protracted people's war. Recognizing that the U.S. will not sit back and allow the people to seize power in the cornerstone of their Latin American empire, the urban guerrilla strategy must build a movement that will be prepared to deal with the inevitable American intervention. The tasks of the undergroung movement at this point in the struggle focus on armed propoganda to expose the dictatorship and the seizure of funds that will help to build an infrastructure in the rural areas so that the struggle can be shifted to the countryside.

The kidnapping of Bucher will produce a new wave of volunteers for the revolutionary movement in Brazil; volunteers who can carry on the great task of organizing a people's movement under the boot of fascist repression.

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spain

Amidst a nationwide storm of strikes, protests, and riots, the Spanish government last week began its heaviest political trial in recent history. Sixteen Basque seperatists face a military tribunal on charges of armed robbery, murder of a police chief, and terrorism. Their real crime is being Basque nationalists and revolutionary socialists, threatening the fascist Spanish government with a demand for regional independence and political change.

For ten centuries, the four Basque provinces of Northern Spain maintained a tradition of regional autonomy and democratic institutions. During the Spanish Civil War, they fought on the side of the Republicans against the Franco-Hitler alliance. (Guernica is a Basque village). When Franco came to power, their independence was crushed. For more than three decades, the Spanish government has alternately repressed and ignored the Basque nation. Its peasant population is a convenient pool of cheap labor; its exotic culture and language a major source of tourist revenue. Like the Quebecois of Canada or the colonized poor of Northern Ireland, the Basques are consistently denied basic civil rights. The tax money wrung from them never manages to return to their communities in the form of housing, schools, or medical care. Decent jobs are virtually unattainable. The people eke out basic subsistence by farming and sheepherding in the arrid northern hills.

In 1956, Basque separatists formed the ETA (Party of Basque Land and Liberty), a direct-action underground movement. Their aim was to achieve independence by any means necessary. Through the years, ETA has moved increasingly to the left, calling for a Basque socialist state, as well as regional autonomy.

Franco has consistently and unsuccessfully tried to smash the ETA; jailing and torturing its members with all the finesse his military regime could muster. The ETA responded with waves of bombings and attacks against police. The sixteen people on trial are all ETA members, accused of terrorist activities. Their trial is a would-be caution to all Spanish separatists, socialists, and revolutionaries. Despite the fact that they are civilians, Franco has insisted that they face a military court-martial — where defense rights are limited, and there is no appeal from the verdict. Six face a mandatory death-penalty for murder. It is common knowledge throughout Spain

double

cross

that the only evidence against them is trumped-up confessions obtained after weeks of torture.

Spanish opposition to Franco has united and deepened around the trial. The leaders of ten opposition parties, the Vatican, and the council of Spanish bishops have all denounced the proceedings, and pleaded for clemency. Thousands of demonstrators fill the streets of Madrid and Barcelona, setting fire to city buses, and overturning cars. Work stoppages have paralyzed factories in all major cities. Two of the country's largest universities were forced to shut down because of student riots around the opening of the trial.

The day before the trial began, a splinter group of the ETA kidnapped West German diplomat Eugin Beihl, and is holding him hostage against the Basques on trial. Spokesmen for the guerrillas said that Beihl "would face the same risk as those on Trial in Burgos." That gave Franco the excuse he wanted to proclaim a state of emergency in the Basque province of Guipuzcoa, the storm-center of the separatist movement. The state of emergency gives police even more sweeping powers than they normally have under the dictatorship. It eliminates the rights of habeas corpus and freedom of movement, and allows search and seizure without warrants. Soldiers with machine-guns harass and brutalize the villages of the north, while police try vainly to break the industrial strikes that grip the cities.

In the midst of national chaos, the trial itself is a star-chamber proceeding. Plainclothes police occupy one fourth of the public seats. The defense lawyers, all young and anti-regime, are told to 'shut up' when they introduce motions, or speak of torture and forced confessions. The ears of the defendants are stopped with plastic plugs, to keep them from communicating with each other. They are not allowed to talk about beatings and intimidation, their feelings about the government and Basque nationalism, or the aims of the ETA.

The mockery of fascist justice plays on in the courtroom in Burgos. Again Bunuel's land without bread is stirring to shake off its chains, and move inexorably toward freedom.

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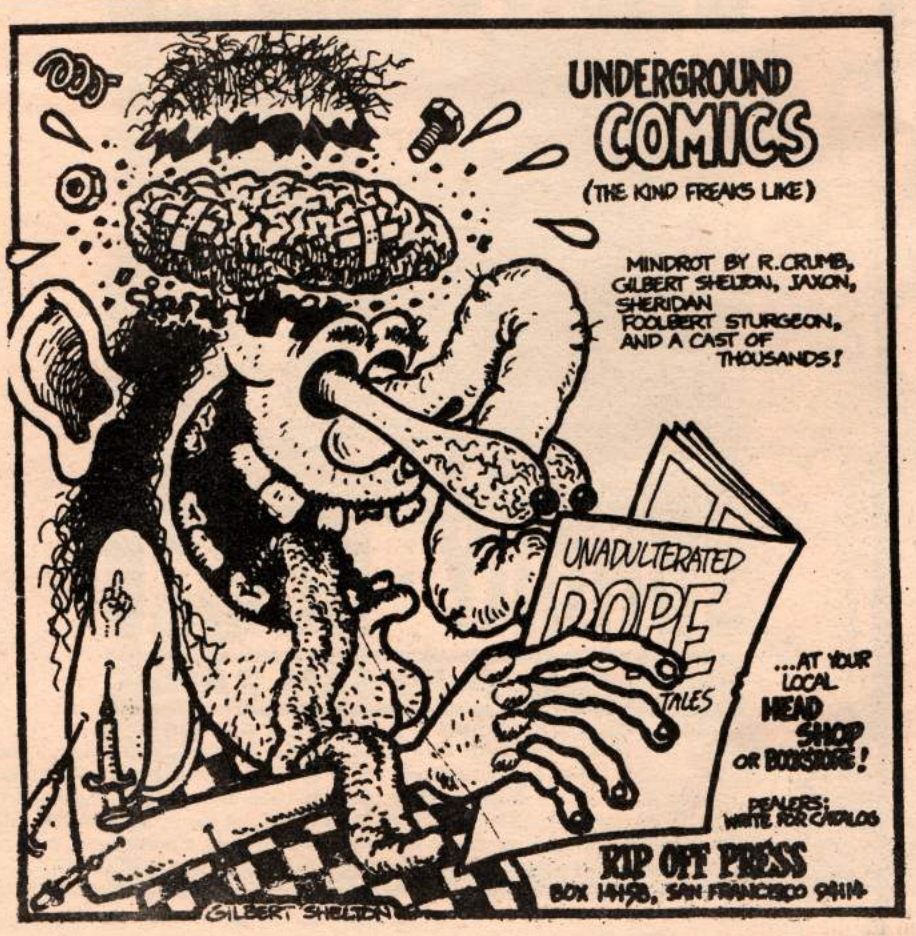

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OFF THE GUINEA PIGS

fascists nibbling at African movement

We have just read your article, "Portugal Lashes out at Guinea" in the Thanksgiving issue of the Tribe. This article is better than most articles we have seen but, nevertheless, it contains numberous errors. There seems to be a terrible lack of information concerning the PAIGC and the revolutionary movements in that corner of Africa. This situation must be corrected as the struggle of the PAIGC is one of the most important on the continent of Africa. Here is some criticism with love.

1. The country in which the PAIGC operates is "Portuguese Guine" not 'Portuguese' GUINEA. Most people in the movement call it Bissau-Guine. This country is south of Senegal and north of Guinea.

2. The President of Guinea (the country that was raided) is Ahmen Sekou Toure not Ahmen Sekou. He is known everywhere as Sekou Toure.

3. The colonization of Guine began in 1506 not the mid-1800's.

4. These criticisms are not picayune; added up they seem to indicate that you do not know the area very well.

The second part of this letter criticizes your main assertion that the Portuguese raids are primarily meant to undermine the peoples government of Sekou Toure in the Republic of Guinea. This is the general opinion of the movement. They suspect that something similar to what happened in Ghana is occuring. We think this is secondary or outright wrong. We think the raids are aimed primarily at the PAIGC.

The headquarters of the PAIGC are in Conakry, Guinea. The PAIGC has set up numerous political and military training schools in the capital of Guinea, Conakry. The London Times reports that these headquarters are under attack and have been destroyed. Amilcar Cabral was seen at the headquarters the day before. Henry Tanner of the NY Times and UN Development Director Roger Polgar report that units of the Regular Portuguese Army are involved in fierce fighting.

This is not simply a mercenary affair. But, here is some information about the mercenaries. In a Agence France-Presse dispatch (Dec. 2) Diallo Telli, Sec Gen of the OAU claims that the mercenary contingent of the raiding party is a group that was involved in Katanga in the 1960's. This group is a sophisticated coutner-insurgency elite corp. They know their shit. They have attacked supply depots and sanctuaries in the north of Guinea. They may have hit the big one at Boke.

In short, we believe the raids to be aimed primarily at the PAIGC infrastructure and sanctuaries. This may buy some time while they prepare to make an offensive movement within Guine itself. Your article did not mention NATO. Two weeks ago the NATO nations, which include Spain and Portugal, agreed to hike their military spending exactly 4 BILLION dollars. This money is going primarily for one infrastructure change, a "NATO secure military communications network." Portugal is in on this along with the US, the CIA et al. Generally, we believe there is something going down much bigger than you indicate.

Here is where you can get some information:

1. The UN fact-finding commission reports to the UN Friday Dec. 4 (There is a member from Zambia on it, so it will not be a total shuck.)

2. The Ministerial Council and Defense Committee of the OAU will meet Dec. 9 in Lagos, Nigeria.

3. Damn it — read Basil Davidson's "The Liberation of Guine". It is the best thing on the PAIGC. Davidson knows Cabral personally. The PAIGC even let Davidson have access to all their records. It is put out by Penguin. It only cost $1.45. READ IT.

4. You should see a film made by a revolutionary Cuban, Jose Massip. The film is called "Medina Boe." This film has shown at various movement gatherings. It is a brilliant film on the PAIGC. It is better than Battle of Algiers or Blood of the Condor. That is not an overstatement.

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MUSIC THING

Kindness in word, that's what I'm looking for. I already have the sincerity in thought. There's something I want to tell you, but I can't figure out how to do it. Oh I know I'll figure it out some kind a way, I always do.

I got this album in the mail,. . . an advance copy of the Joy of Cooking's first album. I really, really like it. I want to tell you that without over—doing it. The sound is unique and very easy for the heart and the feelings to handle.

The album won't be released for another month, but maybe the radio stations will play their advance copies so you can hear it now.

Toni Brown, Ron Wilson, Terry Garthwaite, David Garthwaite, and Fritz Kasten are the members of the Joy of Cooking. Toni Brown is predominantly the song writer for the group and her amazing talent is well displayed on the album. I've heard the group several times live and I don't know why I never discovered her ability before now.

I get the feeling I'm going to start going on and on about the Joy and as I said earlier, I don't want to do that. I can't seem to find the mean between my two extremes in telling someone about something. I either overdo it, or I underdo it! But I think this might be one of the best albums to be released next year and I've just got to tell you that! Good luck Joy, I'll have more to say at a later date, it just won't come to me now.

Does anybody know where the Earthquake is now (they used to be the Purple Earthquake)? Perhaps the finest hard rock group to come out of Berkeley. The Earthquake played at the Babylon a couple of weeks ago, with their new drummer, Steve Nelson, and they were really fine.

Robbie Dunbar is the quitarist—songwriter for the Earthquake and much too long have his talents been ignored, or unappreciated. The varied chord inversions Dunbar uses give him a style that I've never heard before in rock, and as a songwriter he's on top of it. This is one hell of a talented kid and not too many people know that.

The Earthquake have been together about five years now with Dunbar and bassist Stan Miller remaining the only two original members. Lead singer John Dukas has been with the group about three years now and Nelson joined them earlier this year.

The group has played here, there, and everywhere, but they have failed to receive much recognition. I guess there isn't much more I can say about them except, if you get a chance, go see them. A really fine group is going undetected.

(A message for those who want to know)

A friend of mine said it would be nice of me to let my other friends, who I don't see that often, know what I am doing musically. So I'll take the time and space to do that now (presuming those friends read this column).

I've started practicing with a group in San Francisco I was with them earlier this year and we've decided to try it again. Some of you might remember a guy who used to wear a bright yellow yield sign while singing in front of three other guys who played the music. Well, that bushy-haired guy was me (!) and I'm at it again, comin' t' get'cha and all that!

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TO THE PEOPLE

MDM house raided in long beach

The growth of community support for the movement for a people's military brought down a heavy vamp in Long Beach on December 4. Ten people in the Movement for a Democratic Military (MDM) house were busted and held on felony charges for three days before the whole legal shuck was exposed, and the folks relaesed.

Long Beach MDM has done work with men at the Long Beach Naval Station and has been trying to set up a White Panther Party chapter for the city, which is largely poor white and freak.

Supposedly, the pigs were looking for a brother who had just gotten out of jail to bust him for failure to have a car registration. Besides busting him after his release, they didn't even bother to show the warrant to the people in the house.

The charges included possesion of hyperbolics (!?!) — sulfuric acid used in a blowtorch for jewelry, string incense supposedly to be wicks for bombs — and possession of a legal-length sawed-off shotgun.

Not content with ripping off the entire collective, the reactionary imperial forces of capitalist greed and avarice took all the addresses and phones (including the phone book), literature (they freaked on the Mini-Manual) and all the weapons. They broke down doors and the back shed, tore the whole house apart, and generally treated it like their own homes.

When the people came to court, 75 poor white community people and freaks showed up in support. And GI's were preparing a statement when the folks were cut loose.

Without a people's army, the people have nothing. Without the pig's army, the pig has nothing.

AIRWAVES communique

Many attempts have been made to create a radio station which really represents our community. In the past, these attempts have met with failure because of the lack of profit involved in community radio, and the threat that this kind of radio poses to capitalists and capitalism. Witness the struggles that have gone down over the last two years at KSAN, KSOL and KMPX.

The spirit of community radio will not be defeated. Airwaves is a group of people who are trying to help it happen at KQED—FM. Some of us are from the old KMPX collective, and others never before involved in radio are with us. All of us want to see this develop into a people's effort to serve the Bay Area community.

Since most of us listen to the radio to hear music, that will make up most of the programming. A conscious effort will be made to include music created by all the people's of the world, including jazz, gospel, cajun, blues, fold, latin music, country and western, soul and, of course, rock and roll.

There are already projects underway for special public information tapes, radio theatre, and news programs that will be creative as well as informative.

The air staff will consist of people from the community. There will be on the air training with an emphasis on training third-world people and women for four hours every day.

Negotiations are continuing with KQED—FM, but the situation is still uncertain. It is impossible to eliminate all of the costs of radio, since both equipment and power are expensive to acquire and maintain, but with volunteers helping to cut down the expenses, the financial hassles can be solved through benefits, donations, and other forms of community support.

The collective is by no means closed. A community radio station can only reflect the values of the people of the community who participate in its operation.

For information, call 922—9981 or 826—3986 (SF) or 548—5062 (Berkeley). And, for emphasis, write to KQED—FM, 286 Divisidero St., San Francisco, expressing your feelings about community radio.

—The Airwaves Collective

BERET BUST

On Thursday, Nov. 5, the San Diego County Grand Jury indicted three Chicano activists- David Rico, Ricardo Gonsalvez and Carlos Calderon. They are charged with criminal syndicalism and possession , manufacture and disposal of fire bombs. In addition, Calderon is charged with soliciting the commission of a murder.

The charges stem from an article in EL BARRIO, a Chicano community paper, which described the making of a fire bomb. EL BARRIO was put out in conjunction with the San Diego Street Journal, an an IWW shop paper. Rico and Gonsalvez are active members of the Brown Berets and Calderon is former Deputy Minister of Education. The Berets have wide community support in the local barrio and have initiated several community control projects.

The brothers are out on bail, but the usual, money is needed for the defense. Contributions can be sent to: The Defense Fund, P.O. Box 3092 , San Diego, Calif. 92103.

barter art

Ever been to an art exchange? Well, the Channing Way 2000 Block is having one.

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kids lib boycott

This story was phoned in by a political prisoner who is grounded for political reasons.

Today, Saturday, we were going to picket down at Electronics Unlimited. We brought our signs down to this place. The youngest in the group was too scared to go. In the past week he was begging us to take him there. He was scared that his mother or father who said this was just chickenshit would know about him coming there. We got there in time. The little one who did come along anyway and a friend of mine who came along phoned the Tribe to see if they would get a few news scoops. About a minute or two later my father came and said, "I thought I told you not to go here." (This little one is my brother). He dragged us back after a little argument. From then on he took us home and said that I was supposed to stay home for the rest of the day.

The reason why we are boycotting this store is because a kid went to this store and said, "How much is your cheapest cassette." The man said, "$100, but we don't serve little brats like you."

Kid's Lib found out about this and we were going to smash that adult—chauvinist store, through the approach of picketing and protest.

At the One Thousand Oaks variety store we were going to boycott the book section of that variety store because this man came up to this kid who was looking at some books and said, "Sonny, would you please leave, as we don't serve on little kids who can't make up their minds." So we don't have enough members of Kid's Lib in Berkeley to take care of both stores at the same time. We need more people in Kid's Lib and more people to combat adult chauvinism regardless of color, religion, or belief, just so long as they bocott the stores.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE'S KIDS!

cooperativa

A couple of years back Reies Tijerina led a group of Chicanos on the famed courthouse raid in northern New Mexico. It was part of a long struggle for La Raza to reclaim the land stolen from them by the U.S.

Another front in the battle has been the formation of a cooperative and a clinic in the town of Tierra Amarilla. These centers have tremendous popular support. When the clinic was burned by arsonists, the people rebuilt it and volunteered to guard it — 24 hours a day.

The co-op helps them become self-sufficient, independent of the Anglo's pig capitalist society. The clinic provides for their medical needs. Both centers build the spirit of resistance.

This Saturday there will be a New Mexican fiesta to benefit La Cooperativa and La Clinica in Tierra Amarilla. It will celebrate the opening of an exhibit by 50 of New Mexico's top artists and craftsmen. There will be food, music, artwork, and Chicano teatro companies. It starts at 4 pm at Millberry Union, U.C. Med. Center, 500 Parnassus in San Francisco.

FROM THE PEOPLE

free church statement

"The Berkeley Free Church condemns the locking of the doors of Grace Cathedral during the anti-Ky demonstrations in San Francisco on December 1. Further, we are outraged by the Cathedral's refusal to allow the San Jose Medical Resistance to set up a first aid station there. Both actions are totally inconsistent with the Church's traditional role as a Sanctuary from violence and as a servant of the people, especially the poor and sick.

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Get your food stamps!

The first step is to call the Berkeley Office (849-2460) and find out which office you have to apply at (depends on where you live).

Once you've got that down, to do the whole thing in one trip you've got to go prepared. The general idea is to be able to document your income and expenditures. This means income receipts or verification, pension or unemployment award letters, bank or savings books or whatever to show how much bread you've got; and rent receipts, PG&E bills, medical bills and anything else to show how much bread you've got to pay out each month.

The first trick they're liable to try to pull is to get you to say that you're part of a "household," that is, that you live and prepare your food with a bunch of other people. Now ten freaks living together who make $39 a month each (Adjusted Income) and apply for food stamps as a household have to pay $11 each for a total of $212 worth of stamps. If the ten freaks apply separately they each have to pay $4 for a total of $280 worth of stamps. The Welfare Department just loves this kind of shit.

So get it together with the people in your house before you go down. And try to avoid being declared a household if you can. A man and a woman living together can't get around being declared a household of two, however.

Now food stamps are "awarded" on the basis of what they call "Adjusted Monthly Net Income." This is calculated by subtracting "Hardship Deductions" from your gross income. The gross income is usually figured by multiplying weekly income by 4.33. So if you can document that you're making, say, $7.50/week vending Tribes, they'll figure that's about $32.50 a month gross income.

The hardship deductions are as follows:

1) "Excess Shelter Cost": According to the Welfare Department, 30% of your gross income is a fair rent. Anything that you're paying over 30% is "Excess Shelter Cost" and is deducted from your gross income. If you're making $120 a month and paying $60 a month in rent, then you're paying $20 a month "Excess Shelter Cost" and your income is adjusted to $100. The hook in this one is that free rent (you're just crashing someplace) counts as $15 a month additional income, so watch out.

2) "Monthly Medical Costs": Health insurance payments, dentures, hearing aids, glasses, transportation costs for medical care and medical bills paid are subtracted from your gross income.

3) "Attendant Services and Housekeeping" (?!)

4) "Child Care" costs needed for employment, training or medical treatment are deducted.

5) "Court Order and Legal Responsibility Payments" like alimony, child support, garnishment and parental care are deducted.

6) "Excess Transportation Costs for Employment": They figure that $15 a month to get to work is reasonable, but anything more than that (up to $30 more) is a hardship. This is figured at 8 cents per mile along with any car payments that you have to make.

7) "College Expenses": Tuition, books, supplies and lab fees (verified by receipts) can be deducted from the gross income.

What's left after these deductions is the "Adjusted Monthly Net Income" which determines whether you get food stamps and how much you have to pay for them.

The maximum allowable net income for a single person is $169 a month, and you can have up to $1000 in the bank. Two or more people in a household (no matter how many people) can have no more than $1500 in the bank. The maximum income for two people is $205, for three it's $237, etc, so again it pays off not to be a household.

All of this shit, income and deductions, has to be on paper, verified by receipts, so have it all together before you go down to apply. Know what you're supposed to get and how much it should cost you, so if they try to fuck with you you can point it out right there and demand an explanation. Ask for the regulation and paragraph number that they think their using to justify their actions, and make a point of writing it down so you can catch them at their lies later. The complete set of regulations is supposed to be open to the public, so don't let them tell you different.

If you apply by the 10th of the month you're entitled to that month's full supply of food stamps, so go in before the 10th. You've got to receive your authorization card by the 26th of the month or you can't cash it and you've been fucked out of a month's stamps, so don't let them stall you. If you don't get the authorization within a few days, start complaining — on paper. Each letter that you write has to be cranked through the "proper channels" and makes the bureaucrats feel very hasseled. If they are fucking you over, you have a right to a "Fair Hearing." Request one in writing with a brief explanation to the State Department of Social Welfare, Central Correspondence Unit, 744 P Street, Sacramento 95814. This won't produce much in terms of results, but it will hassel the assholes who are screwing you. For faster action you can call your local State Senator's Office (Petris in Berkeley, 464-1333) and tell him that you're a tax-payer who's getting fucked.

The Berkeley Neighborhood Legal Assistance people are preparing a class suit against the County of Alameda for their abuses against poor people and you should tell them about any hassels you've had. If you come out on top of the mess, let them know how you beat the bureaucrats so they can help other people do the same. The man to talk to at MNLA is Ed Wilson (841-9274). Also get in touch with the Welfare Rights Organization (638-0702) to get help and to help your sisters and brothers.

RONNIE'S WAR ON WELFARE

Ronald Reagan is moving to eliminate People from the welfare rolls. He plans to avoid state bankruptcy by starving poor people out of existence.

Even a Hollywood cowboy should be able to understand that such a scheme for meeting economic crises is ridiculous. Reagan has admitted that his goal is nothing less than the construction of slave-labor "CCC Camps" for welfare recipiants.

He is frantically sending orders down the chain of command to cut off welfare benifits to blacks and freaks. By the time we get his message, it is translated into weird, robot-like utterances by "elgibility technitians," as the welfare workers are now called. The main job of these (often reluctant) servants of capitalism is to answer questions like, "Do you mean that if I've got no money, no place to live, no way of getting food and no way of doing honest, paying labor then you still won't help me?" And they answer that "Well, you can do farm labor" or some other version of "Don't tell me your troubles, I'm just here to do a job."

Obiously, these workers can't be blamed. Some of them are really trying to help. But if they don't stay in line they could wind up on the other side of the desk; and they're not really ready for that. This is the old trick of bureaucratic capitalism: the pigs use armies of clerks as buffers against the people.

For three weeks, the White Panther Party has been conducting a People's Investigation into the functions of the Welfare Department. Already some heavy contradictions have been exposed. Take the Food Stamp program, for example.

Food Stamps are issued to help distribute the surplus food that this country produces. This is at least a little better than paying farmers not to grow it, or letting it rot in warehouses. So dig it, the food is ALREADY PAID FOR, as is the paycheck of the welfare bureaucrat. The program is supposed to insure a balanced diet and to prevent mental retardation due to nutritional deficiency during childhood. The government is not giving out charity in the Food Stamp program. It is just dividing up the surplus food that this nation produces.

Despite this, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors has sent a letter to the State Legislature about how too many people are getting away with living free as a result of food stamps. They want the rules changed to starve out the "lazy hippies."

According to the law (as in 'law and order,' Mr. Governor): If your worker finds that you are eligible on the third working day before the fifteenth of the month, then you should be able toreceive stamps for that month. All that is necessary is to complete the paperwork and shuffle your form to the Data Processing Center in Oakland. BUT MANY PEOPLE ARE BEING DENIED FOOD STAMPS FOR ONE OR EVEN TWO MONTHS!

Why?

We talked with individual "eligibility technicians" about the problem. It must be made clear that these people are not at fault. They are overworked, underpaid, and almost completely powerless within the Food Stamp program. It was clear that more help was needed in getting food stamps to the people face hunger as a result of inflation and unemployment. We went next to the Supervisor of the Berkeley program, Mrs. Ryales, who agreed that there was a case overload, but told us that we would have to see the head of the Alameda County department to get any results.

The top man in the County program is named Sliney. Sliney is completely alienated from the people he is supposed to be serving. Uncooperative to the point of lying, Sliney squirmed behind his desk and told us to write something an submit it 'thru channels.'

"We're not asking for your job, just a clear explanation that the community can deal with," we explained. "People are hungry, and every day people are getting arrested for shoplifting. We are offering helpFROM THE COMMUNITY."

Sliney mumbled something about "working farm labor" and then broke into the 'pass the buck' routine.

"Well," he moaned, you should talk to Mr. Rainey, Assistant Director of Welfare, on the fifth floor. "But you'll need an appointment; Mr. Rainey is a very important man."

Rainey said that he wanted to help, but that he couldn't see the community as any help. He suggested further increasing the load on the individual caseworker (!) and told us to get lost.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

The White Panther Party is offering volunteer labor to the Welfare Department to make sure that no one has their food stamps ripped off because of clerical backlogs.

Regulation 10—203 of the Administrative Standards for Public Social Services states clearly that:

"The county shall provide . . . for the recruitment and utilization of volunteers, including senior citizens and young people wherever feasible, in the provision of services and assisting appropriate advisory committees."

The law exists, but it is not being applied to serve the people. Volunteers are only used for trivial tasks such as filing and running errands. We demand that the law be brought to bear to prevent clerical backlogs from causing delays in the issuance of food stamps.

When we offered volunteer help to Mr. Rainey, he rejected it because he thought it might conflict with some obscure Federal directive which he did not cite. This bureaucratic hedging limits Mr. Rainey's ability to deal with the problem.

The White Panther Party will take this proposal to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. We will go as high up the pig chain of command as we have to with the demand that the community be allowed to insure that no person shall go hungry as a result of bureaucratic bottlenecks.

There will be a meeting on Saturday, December 12, at 2035 Channing Way (down in the basement) of all those interested in implementing this proposal.

—Bay Area White Panthers

TUCSON OUTLAWS

Tucson's weather is getting hotter and hotter, and it looks like Venice is no place to go for a vacation from it.

The absurdity of the Amerikan legal system becomes more and more evident. A Seattle judge puts a Los Angeles woman in jail for not telling him about her past while the state tries to make everyone a Weatherman—in Arizona.

A Grand Jury has been meeting since November 3 which is investigating the entire West Coast movement. Almost the entire Save our Servicemen (SOS) collective from Venice, L.A., has been subpoenaed to testify before this latest liberal/fascist dream: no one claims they have done anything illegal, they are granted immunity and thereby get sent to jail when they refuse to testify, the violent outside agitator who started everything. The term of the Grand Jury has been extended three months, till March 31. How much happened in Tucson for that long?

The investigation for the federal government is being led by Guy Goodwin, whose last piece of "blind American justice" was the Seattle 8 conspiracy. But Guy doesn't want to stake his reputation with murky-headed Mitchell and Hoof-mouthed Hoover on that flimsy case; he's gone to the center of communism, Arizona. With him is Susan Shea, the government's attempt to deal with male chauvinism, who is supposedly the mistressmind behind the case. They've also imported a Tacoma, Washington judge for old times' sake.

So far there is one indictment. John Fuerst, alias William Allen Friedman, is charged with possessing 120 sticks of dynamite, 30 electrical blasting caps, 20 fuse caps and 50 feet of fuse, which he didn't register under the National Firearms and Transfer Act. Fuerst was busted during the Weatherman "Days of Rage" and is on the lam from that one. Supposedly that makes Weatherman involved.

Terri Ann Volpin was jailed for contempt even before the indictment came out. She was granted immunity, then asked questions about who has been in her house for the last year, what she has done for the last year, and other shit having little to do with John Fuerst and everything to do with the GI work her collective was doing. She refused to testify and is serving 60 days or until she talks.

David Scheffler was held in contempt minutes after the jury decided to indict Fuerst; he will serve until he talks or the jury's term expires. Also busted are Karen Duncan and Mrs. Lee Weinberg, the collective's landlady.

It looks like the extension of the Grand Jury's term points to more bullshit conspiracies, hot-tip innuendoes and a heavy O.D. on contempt citations. Already Seattle, Berkeley and Los Angeles are involved. They can claim anyone is connected to anyone else who might have done something that was connected to Weatherman. And by claiming it in Tucson they can hope that we won't catch on to what is happening.

But we did.

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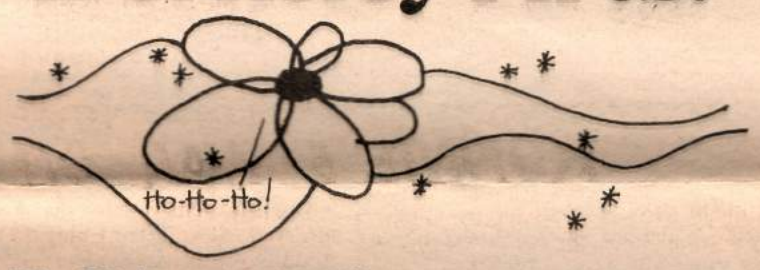

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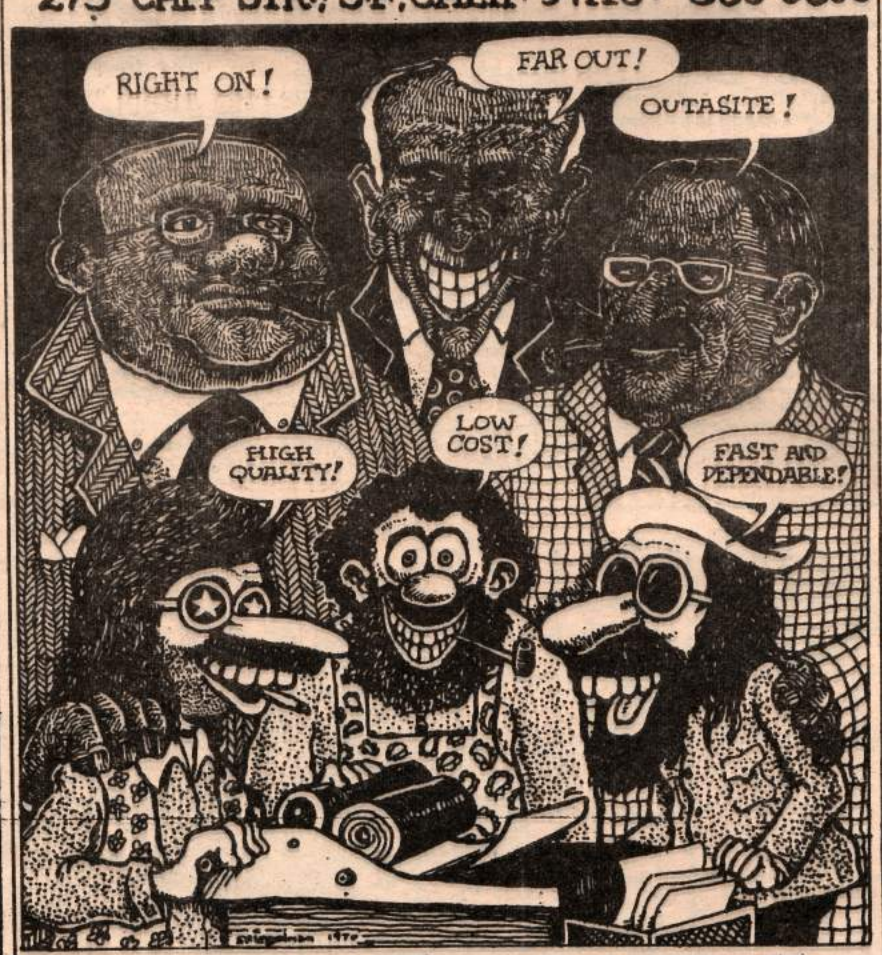

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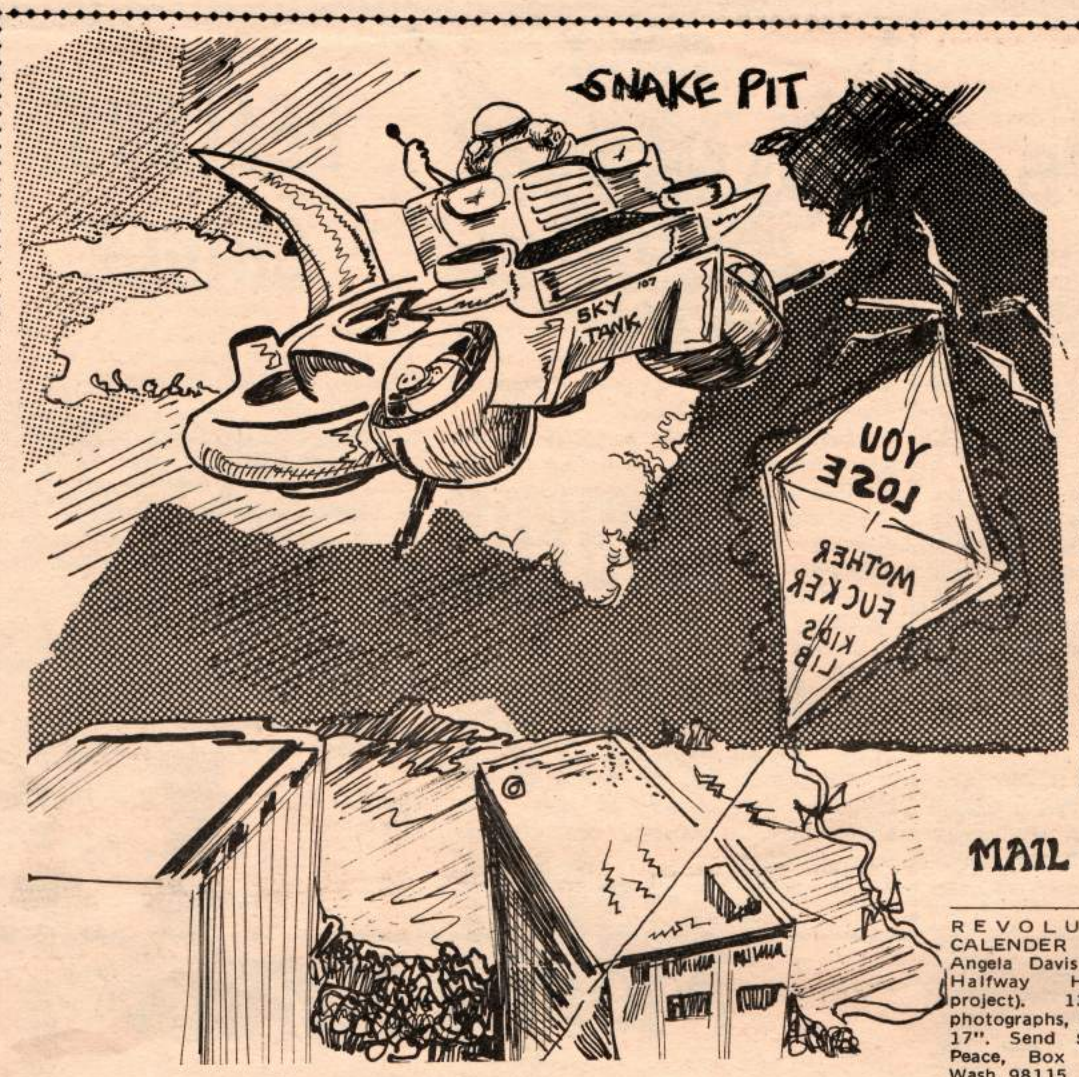

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*Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors (CCCO), 437 Market, SF, 397-6917.

*Draft Info. Center for S. Alameda C'nty: 3137 Castro Valley Blvd, Rm 205, Castro Valley 10 am - 4 pm, 581-4105

*Quaker Draft Counsel, 843-9725.

*ASUC Draft Counseling, 209 Eshleman, UCB; 642-1431.

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legal together ness

The busts at the Ky demonstration showed how unprepared many of us were. We'll try to run down some basis legal information regularly, beginning this week with some shit about how to get OR in the Bay Area.

OR stands for "own recognizance"; it means that you are released without bail in the belief that you are sufficiently reliable and responsible to be trusted to appear in court on your own word.

The people who work in the OR program in the Bay Area seem to be youn and sympathetic, but they can only make a recommendation that you be released. The decision rests with the judge.

Before you are busted, you should have in mind three people that you can use as references, and they should know in advance what is expected of them. One of them should be prepared to take the initiatve in contacting the OR Project as soon as he has word that you are being held. The phone number of SF busts is 552-2202; for Berkeley 841-6010.

Your references should all be reachable by phone. It would help if one is straight looking and can perhaps appear in court for your arraignment as a possible charcter witness. But most importantly, it should be people who know you well and who will say that they see you frequently enough to quarantee that you appear in court. A super-straight, totally respectable honky is of little use as a reference if he cna't indicate that he sees you often or verify the imformation which you will give the pigs in terms of address, job, etc.

OR recommendations work on a point system with a twelve-point maximum. The categories run somehtings like this: :

Prior record
2 points — no convictions
1 point — one misdemeanor conviction
0 points — two misdemeanors or one felony conviction
—1 point — three misdemeanors or two felonies

Employment
3points — present job a year or more
2 points — present job four months or more
1 point — some other more or less regular support (e.g., family, welfare, parttime job)

Family ties
2 to 3 points — lives with family (or close contact)
1 point — lives with non-family person who is reference

Residence
3 points — present address a year or more
2 points — present address six months or more
1 point— present address four months or more

And you get one more point for living in the area several years.

The OR people will ask your references to verify your adress, how often they see you and indicate how long they've known you, state whether you're likely to appear. So you're screwed if you give the pigs a false address that your references don't know about, or any other information which may be contradicted by references who may be called before you can call them. The judge will of course compare what your references have told the OR with what you tell the pigs (as indicated in the police report on your arest).

OR is unlikley in political cases, but some judges are more lenient than others. In any event, your only chance is to figure it all out before the emergency arises.

GET 'EM

On December 2, as reported in last week's Tribe, a woman student teacher in the history department at Berkeley High was knocked down, kicked and dragged through the halls of G building by a male shop teacher, Mr. Linsted. As predicted, the (male) administration has suspended the sister; the DA is reluctant to press charges; and the local media, with few exceptions, has ignored the incident.

This week, ten sisters from the community, intent upon smashing male supremacism wherever it rears its ugly prick, took the sister's cause in hand.

We went to Berkeley High to confront two of the culprits, the shop teacher and the principal. In the main office, the well-trained secretary informed us that Mr. Wong (chief pig) would be tied up for at least an hour. Fifteen minutes later, however, we were ushered down the long vacant halls, past washing machines and the sterile smell of enzyme soap, into Wong's office, lined with beds and sleeping dummies, in the Home Ec. department.

We said: "You suspended the victim; the criminal is still at large." He said: "It was done in the best interests of the school." We called him a criminal; he told us to speak to Personnel about it. He refused to say anymore except that, yes, the woman had been dragged down the hall, but he didn't know who hit who first. In any case, SHE was under investigation.

So we went to the machine shop at Merritt College, where he also teaches, to talk with our sister's assailant – Linsted. Linsted was immediately recognizable as we approached a group of men fooling with machines – beefy, stocky, and pink with rough skin and wispy hair. His face was wet as he sputtered about what had been done to him: "I was humiliated, insulted, embarrassed in front of my class!"

He agreed to meet with us the next day. Then three men crept up behind him: "This is Merritt College property and you are trespassing. If you don't leave right now – right now – you will be arrested." We asked if Linsted would be punished for his crimes, they refused to answer, stating that it was more important that we were trespassing on Mettitt College property.

Linsted then reneged on our appointment, telling us to see his lawyer. We left with our fists shaking in their faces.

Fri·11

SOUNDS

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*Rock Concert: Gold, Christian Black, Millberry Union Gym, 3rd & Parnassus, S.F., 9—midnight, $1.
*"Lois Land" at the Seventh Seal, 9—1.
*Slay and the Family Stone, PG&E, Dunn&McCashen, Little Sister: Winterland, $350.
*Vern and Ray: Freight&Salvage.
*Festival of African-American Performing Arts: The Harding.**Peter Spellman: The Family Pharmacy, Calif.&Divisadero, SF. no cover.

FLICKS

*Twentieth Century, To Be or Not to Be: Surf Interplayers, SF.
*The Great Dictator(7&10:30)City Lights(9): Washington School, 2300 Grove, $1.50.
*Gone with the Wind: Northside Studio A, 8pm.
*Rosemary's Baby, Psycho: Northside Studio B.
*Tillie&Gus, Saturday Afternoon: 7&9pm, 3200California. $1.25.
*Sheriff Bill: Magic Theatre, 8pm.
*Peter Pan: El Cerrito HS Actors Company, 540 Ashbury, El Cerrito, 7:30.

HAPPENINGS

**Public Forum on Latin America: Recent Developments on Chile & Bolivia; Speakers, Ed Chiera & Marilyn Morehead, 8pm, 6395 Telegraph, I.S.

Sat·12

SOUNDS

**Dennis Doyle &Rebecca W: The Family Pharmacy.
*Boz Scaggs: Lion's Share, San Anselmo.
*Gary Pinkis: Seventh Seal Coffee House, 9-1.
*Sly & the Stone, PG&E, Dunn&McCashen, Little Sister: Winterland, $3.50.
*Grateful Dead, The Riders: Santa Rosa Fairgrounds, 7:30.
*Dance with Loose Gravel, Foxglove, Flamin' Groovies, Cosmis Popcorn: 660 Great Highway, SF, $1.
*People's International Silver String Macedonian Band: Freight and Salvage.
*Festival of African-American Performing Arts: The Harding.

FLICKS

*Story of Robin Hood: Rockridge School Auditorium, 5263 Broadway Ter., Oak. 10am, $.50.
*Twentieth Century, To Be or Not to Be: Surf Interplayers, SF.
*The Great Dictator(7&10)City Lights(9): Washington School, 2300 Grove, $1.50.
*Gone With the Wind: Northside Studio A, 8pm.
*Rosemary's Baby, Psycho: Northside Studio B.

THEATER

*Sheriff Bill: Magic Theatre, 8pm.
*Il Dottore: The Centre, 2676 California, SF, 8pm, $1.50.
*Peter Pan: El Cerrito HS, 540 Ashbury Ave, El Cerrito, 7:30.

HAPPENINGS

**FUB Bake Sale: 2200 Parker, contact Rocky at 845-5642, or Susan at 2233 Parker.
**Christmas Bazaar: 1410 Bonita Ave, 10am-5pm.
**Craft Fair&Hootenanny: Free U at Parker and Fulton, Berk., 10am-7pm.
**New Mexican Fiesta with food, music, artwork, Chicano Teatro companies for LA Cooperativa and La Clinica in Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico: Millberry Union, UC Med. Center, 500 Parnassus, SF, 4pm.
*Folk Fest & Children's Theatre, bring instruments: Waldon Center School, Dwight & McKinley, $1 except for kids who get in for only $.50.

Sun·13

SOUNDS

**Gary Flava: The Family Pharmacy.
*Festival of African-American Performing Arts: The Harding.
*Commander Cody: Freight and Salvage.

FLICKS

Twentieth Century, To Be or Not to Be: Surf Interplayers, SF.
*The Lady Vanishes: S.F. Museum of Art, 2pm, $1.50.
*The Great Dictator (7&10 pm) City Lights, Washington School, 2300 Grove St. Bkly.
*Gone with the Wind: Northside Studio A, 8pm.
*Rosemary's Baby, Psycho: Northside Studio B.

THEATER

Peter Pan: El Cerrito HS, 6pm.

HAPPENINGS

**Craft Fair and Hootenanny: Free U, Parker and Fulton, 10am-7pm.
**Political films & speakers(incld. Valentino Tijerina): 2012 Pine St, SF, 8pm.
**Open House and FREE DINNER!! by the Soledad Defense Committee: 129 Fillmore St, SF, 4pm on, call 863-6055.

Mon·14

SOUNDS

**Audition Nite at the Family Pharmacy.
*Incredible String Band: Fillmore West, 9pm, $3.

FLICKS

*Twentieth Century, To Be or Not to Be: Surf Interplayers.
*Gone With the Wind: Northside Studio A.
*Rosemary's Baby, Psycho: Northside Studio B.

THEATER

*What's Good for the Goose: Ethnic Enterprises of Laney College, Oakland Auditorium, 8pm, $2.50.

Tue·15

SOUNDS

ndoz Blues Band, Beans, MJB Soul Brothers, Good Clean Fun: Fillmore West, $1.
**David Widelock: The Family Pharmacy.

FLICKS

*Twentieth Century, To Be or Not to Be: Surf Interplayers, SF.
*Ikuru: SF Museum of Art, 7:30pm, $1.50.
*Gone With the Wind: Northside Studio A.
*Rosemary's Baby, Psycho: Northside Studio B.

THEATER

*What's Good for the Goose: Ethnic Enterprises of Laney College, Oakland Auditorium, 8pm, $2.50.

Wed·16

SOUNDS

*Mike and Alice Seeger: Freight and Salvage.

FLICKS

*Henery V, The Blues Accordin' to Lightin' Hopkins: Surf Interplayers.
*Lord of the Flies, Crazy Quilt: Northside Studio B.
*Gone with the Wind: Northside Studio A.

Could this be

George?

Thu·17

SOUNDS

**Geoff Savage: The Family Pharmacy.
*Mose Allison: Lion's Share, San Anselmo.
*Butterfield Blues Band, Buddy Miles, Quartermass: Fillmore West, $3.
*Country Music: Freight and Salvage.

FLICKS

*Henry V, The Blues Accordin t Lightnin Hopkins: Surf Interplayers.
**High and Low: Moose City Club Theatre, 1428 Alice St., Oakland, 8pm.
*Gone With the Wind: Northside Studio A.
*Lord of the Flies, Crazy Quilt: Northside Studio B.

Fri·18

SOUNDS

*DAnce: Gold, Liquid Heart, Steve Jackson: Le Conte School Aud. 7:30, $1 donation.
*Butterfield Blues Band, Buddy Miles, Quartermass: Fillmore West: $3.50.
*Canned Heat, Youngbloods, Blues Image, Earth Disciples: Winterland Ballroom, $3.50.
*Mose Allison: Lion's Share, San Anselmo.
*Jean Redpath: Freight and Salvage.

FLICKS

*Henry V, The Blues Accordin' to Lightnin Hopkins, Surf Interplayers, SF.
*Gone With the Wind, Northside Theater, Studio A.
*Lord of the Flies, Crazy Quilt, Northside Theater, Studio B.

Always

*Mondays: The Wing, totally improvised theater, 9pm, 622 B'way, SF, $2 (students $1.50)

No $oap Radio!

*Mon-Fri: 10:45-11:15 am KPFA—KPFB, "Soledad Brother: the Prison Letters of George Jackson" (reading) and (of course) the NEWS and OPEN HOUR.

Sat

**Berkeley: 6years after, 4 years before: 1pm, KPFA

Sun

Documentary about Telegraph Avenue (or) Ky's visit to SF, 9pm on KPFA.

Mon

**Public Forum on Women's Rights broadcast from Berkeley HS, public is invited, 8pm on KPFA.

Tue

Berkeley City Council Meeting: 8pm, KPFA.

Wed

Responding to Repression: Tom Hayden and Susan Stern: 11pm, KPFA.

Thu

**SF Mime Troop: 10:30pm, KPFA.

Needs

**Bkly Switchboard (Free Church) needs overnight crashpads. If you can put up one of more young hip men once a week, call 549-0649
*Free Clinic needs comfortable & decorative furniture, Trinity Methodist Church, Dana&Durant.

Art

**Christmas show by Bay Area Artists, all items under $100 (!): SF Museum of Art.
**Benefit Showing of 50 New Mexico Artists and Craftsmen: Millberry Union, UC MED Center, 500 Parnassus, SF, Dec.12-Jan 4.
**Galeria de la Raza: opening Dec 12, Memorial group show in honor of the Virgin of Guadalupe and in memory of Rubin Salazar. 1-5pm except sun, Mon. 425 14th St. SF 647-8555.
**Arts and Crafts Cooperative. 1652 Shattuck Avenue. Tues-Sat, 10-5:30: Sun 1-5. Knidergarten Lollies, Toy Show, Molas.
**Camera Artist Workshop, Sundays, 4pm,1027 Hayes, SF
*Photographs "The Bus Ride," New Gallery, 1027 Hayes at Steiner, SF, 863-6760. thru Jan. 14

Classes

*I Ching, Jung, ESP, Tarot, etc. Metaphysical Center, 420 Sutter, SF
*Modern Dance, jazz, body awareness, etc. YWCA, 620 Sutter, SF
*Deadline for raps & course descriptions for FUB winter catalogue is DEC. 11
*Actor's Lab, 1870 Sacramento, SF, 474-6200. Admission now for theater & film classes. continuous enrollment. no deadline.

Dancers' Workshop of San Francisco announces an X-mas course to be given by Ann Halprin Dec21 thru Dec31 no previous training required, register now, scholarships available for minority students. Write Dancers' Workshop /321 Divisadero , SF, or call 626-0414.

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